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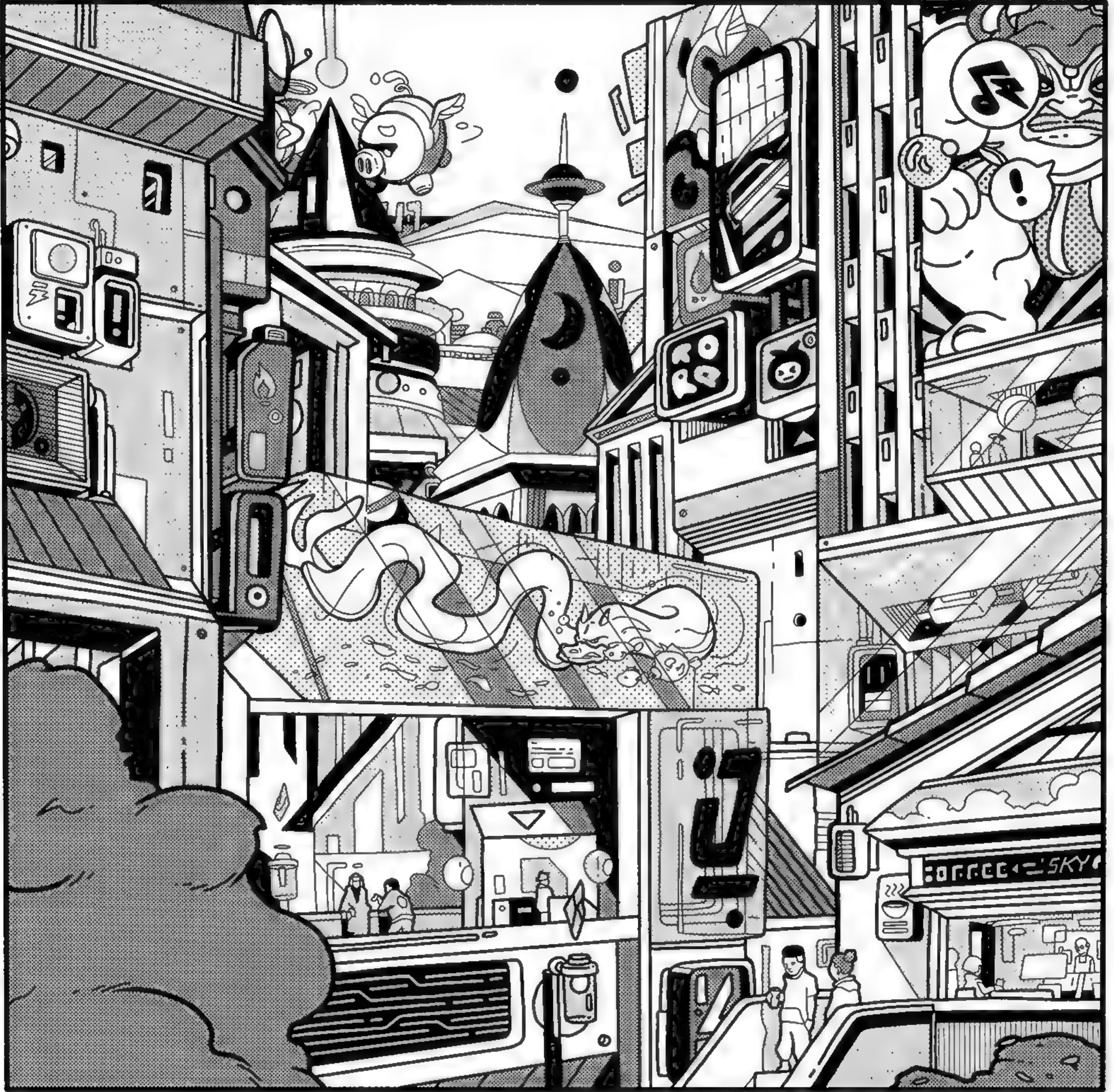
"This is Rita and Trevor McDonald reporting KMJ afternoon news.

"A year on from the deployment of the Royal Armory by King Tobion, tensions between the Royals and the House of Vipers are on the brink of all-out war."



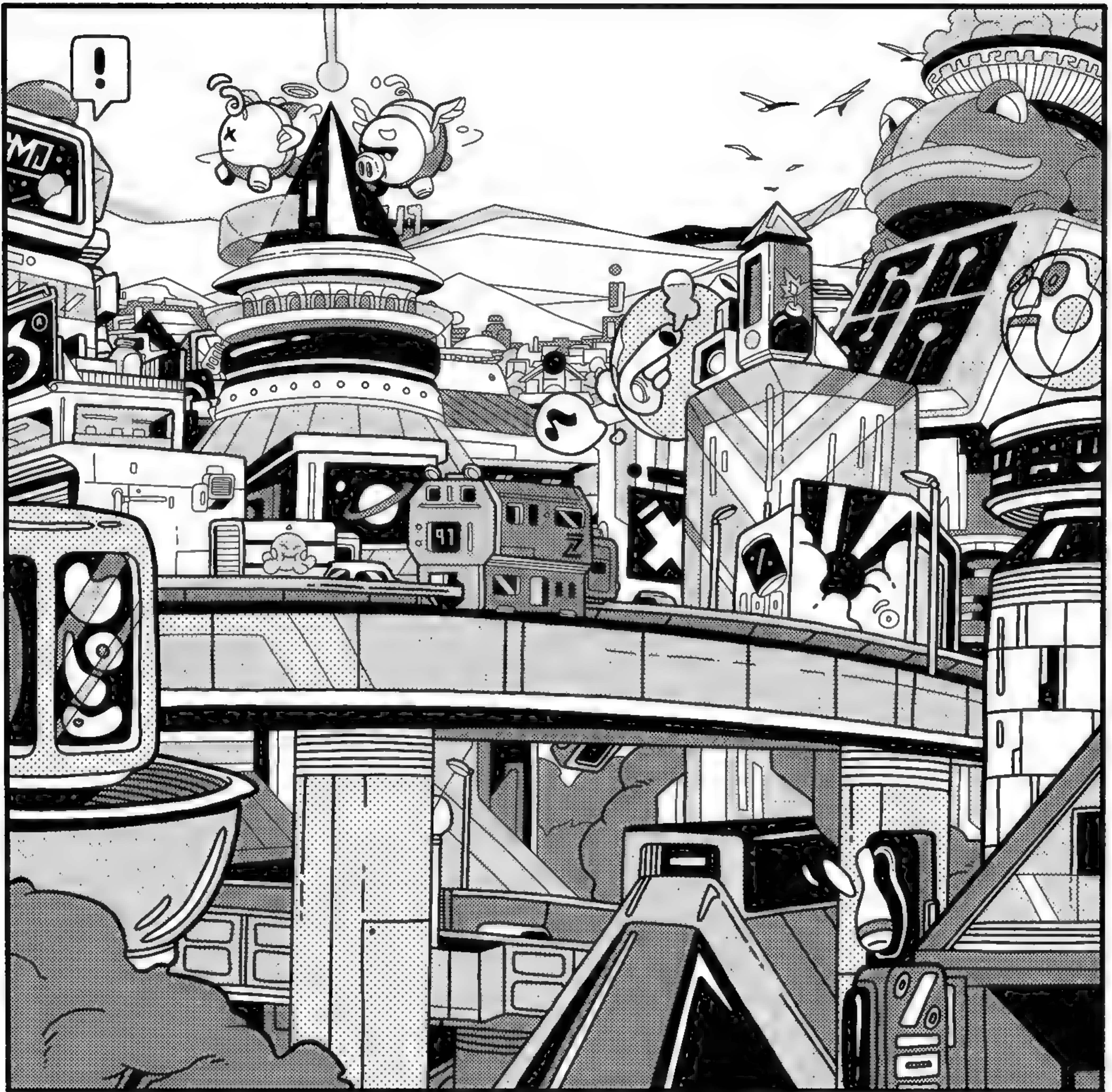
"That's right, Rita, and this rivalry doesn't seem like it will be cooling down anytime soon.

"There have been numerous reports of attacks across the city, allegedly coordinated by the House of Vipers, targeting prestigious heritage sites and locations under the rule of or allied with the Royals.



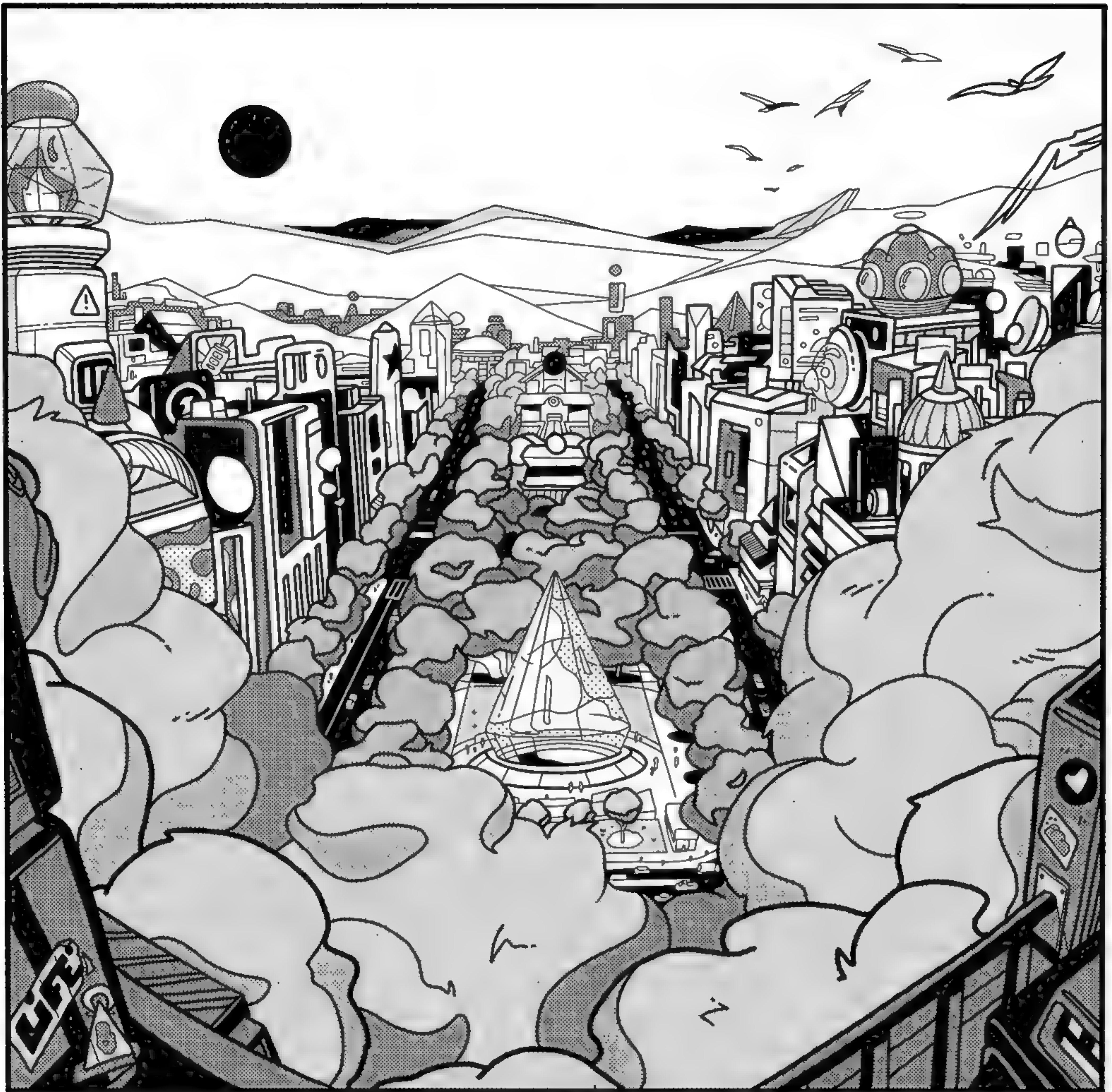
"Most notably at the Northern Temple, where 3 monks lost their lives and 12 remain in critical condition with 3rd-degree burns.

"Additionally, over 500 years of history destroyed overnight, all burned to ashes, as firefighters investigate further.



"With all the uncertainty
between the three houses,
authorities highly recommend
all residents stay home...

"...and if you must leave, remain
vigilant at all times...



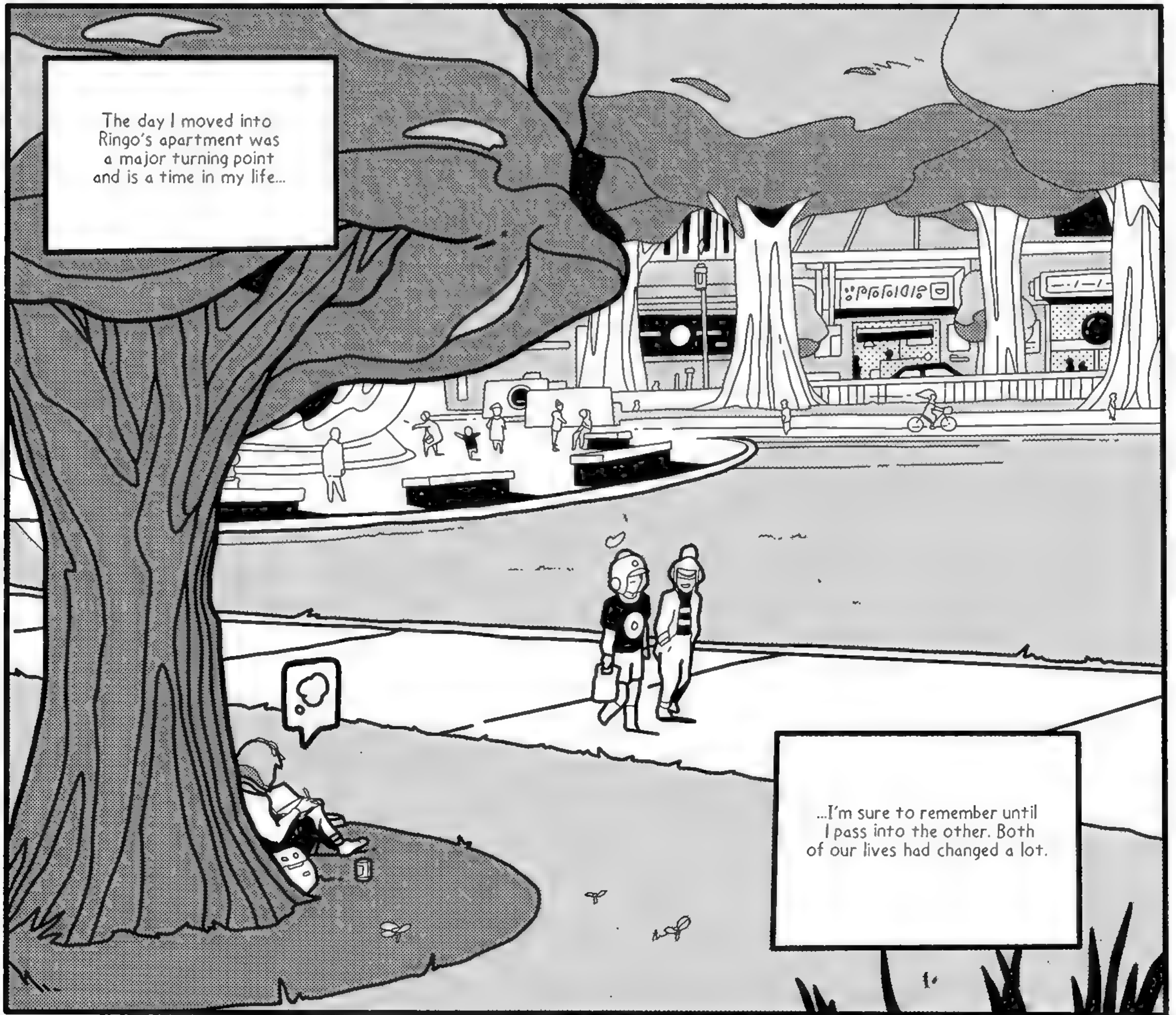
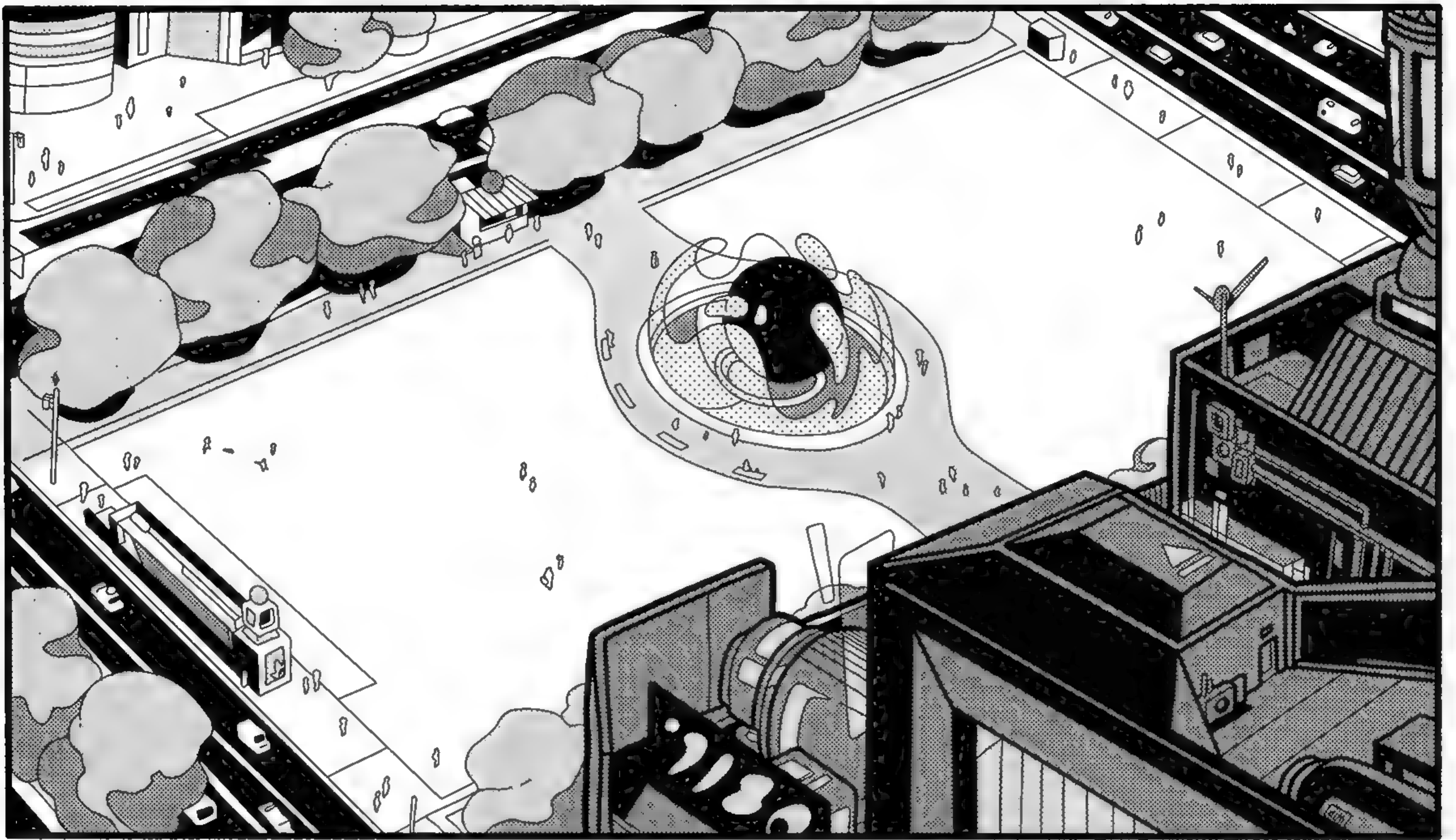
"Due to Outrider resources being stretched to their absolute limits and the legendary tournament ceremony set to begin at the Sanctuary of Sages...

"...it would seem as though it's just a matter of time before tensions erupt in..."

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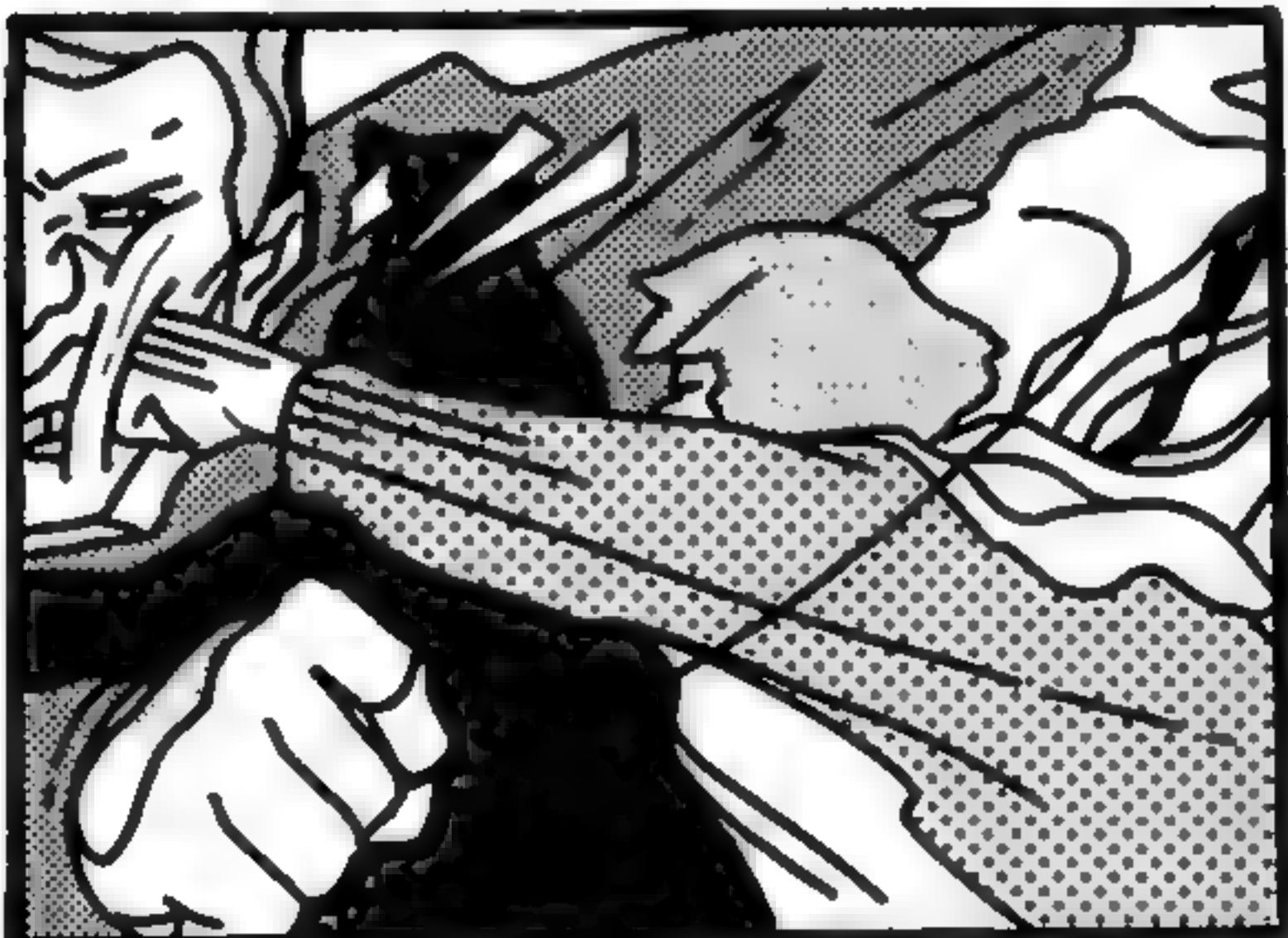








...I officially became an Outrider assistant-- and was so happy to be assigned to Ringo.





Granted, they were pretty small time, but I'm still proud nevertheless.

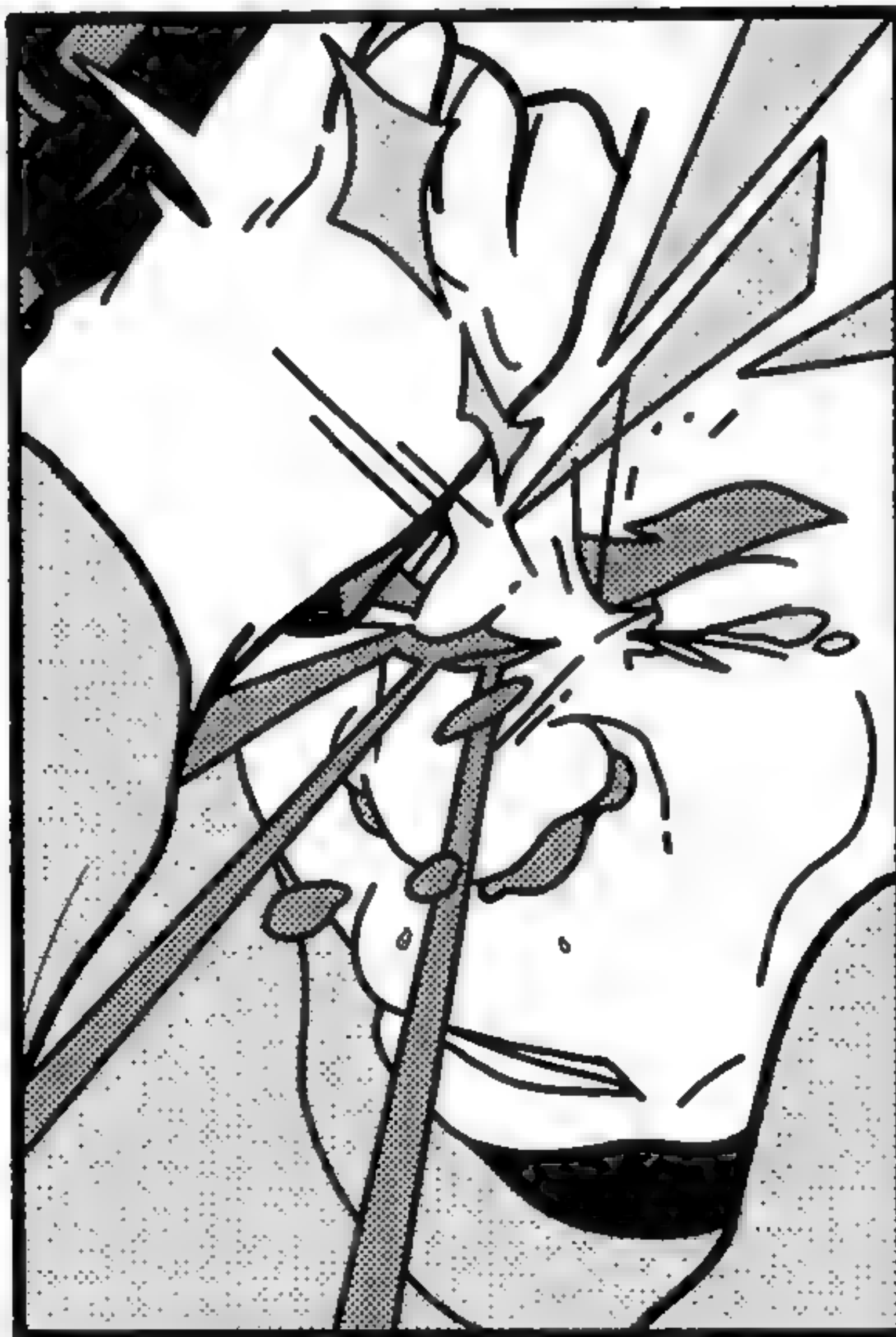


WHERE'S YOUR SCUMMY BOSS, BLACK COTTON?!

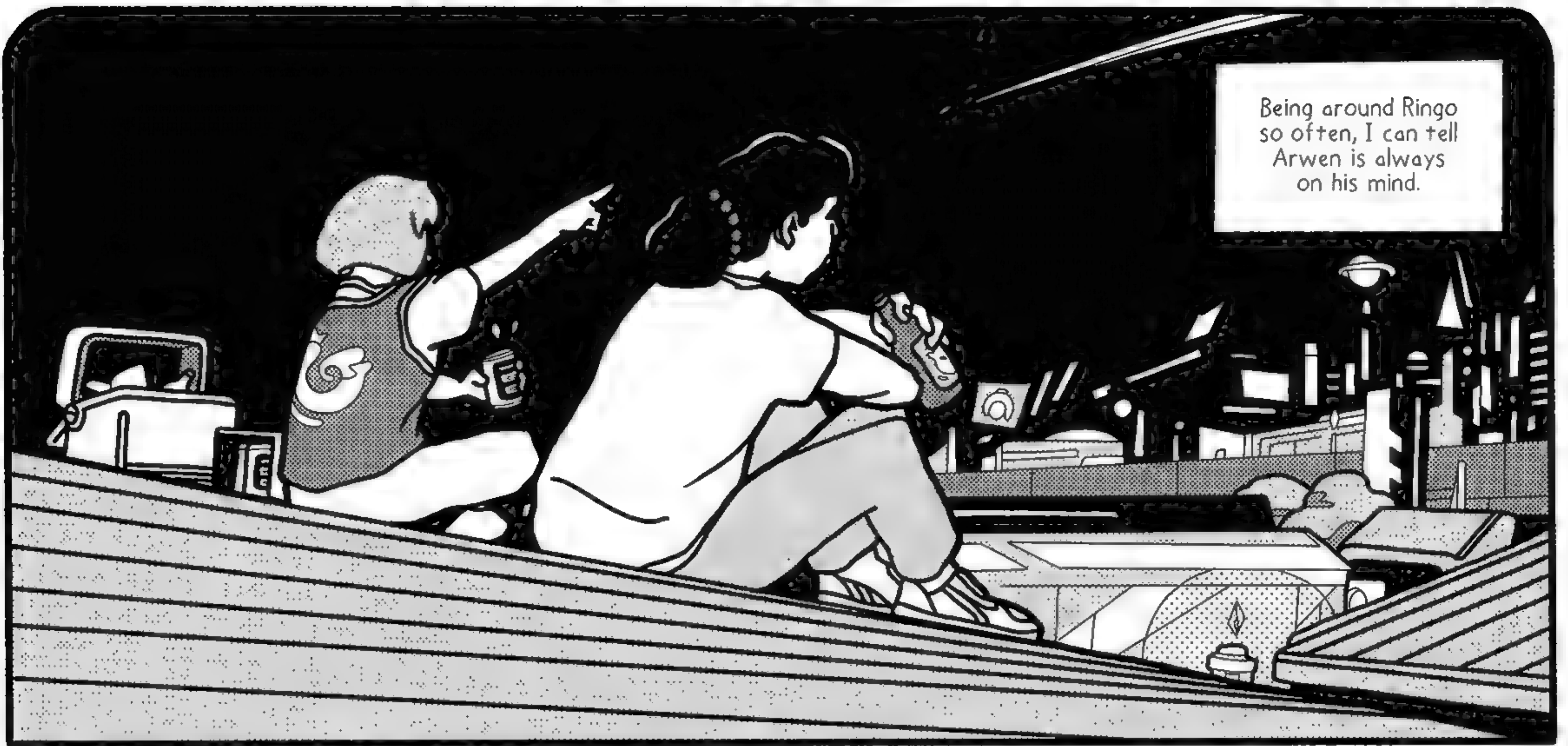
P-PLEASE D-DON'T SHOOT!



I-I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE HE IS!



COOL-- HOW ABOUT NOW?



Being around Ringo so often, I can tell Arwen is always on his mind.



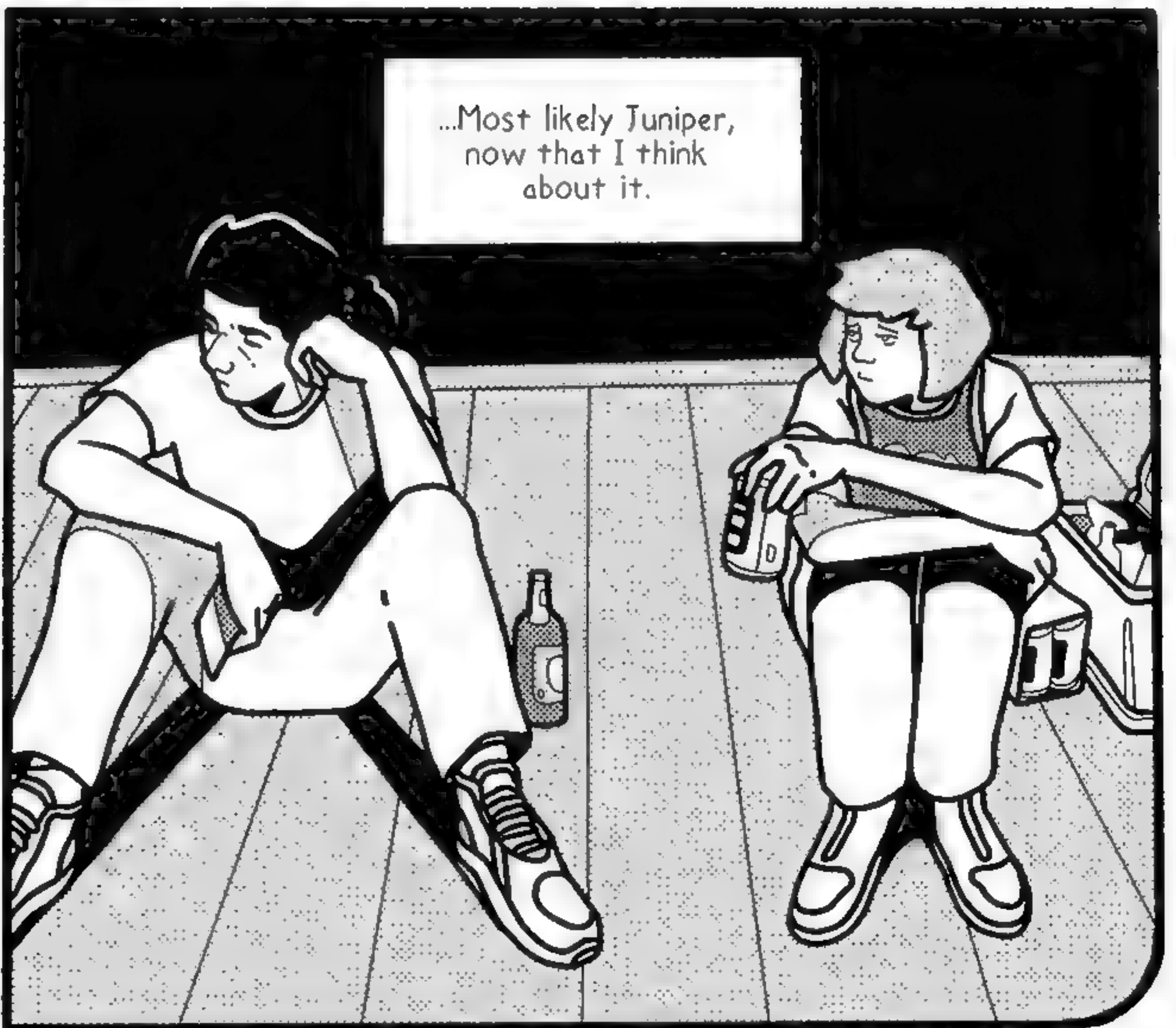
Even though he's never mentioned her once since I've been here...



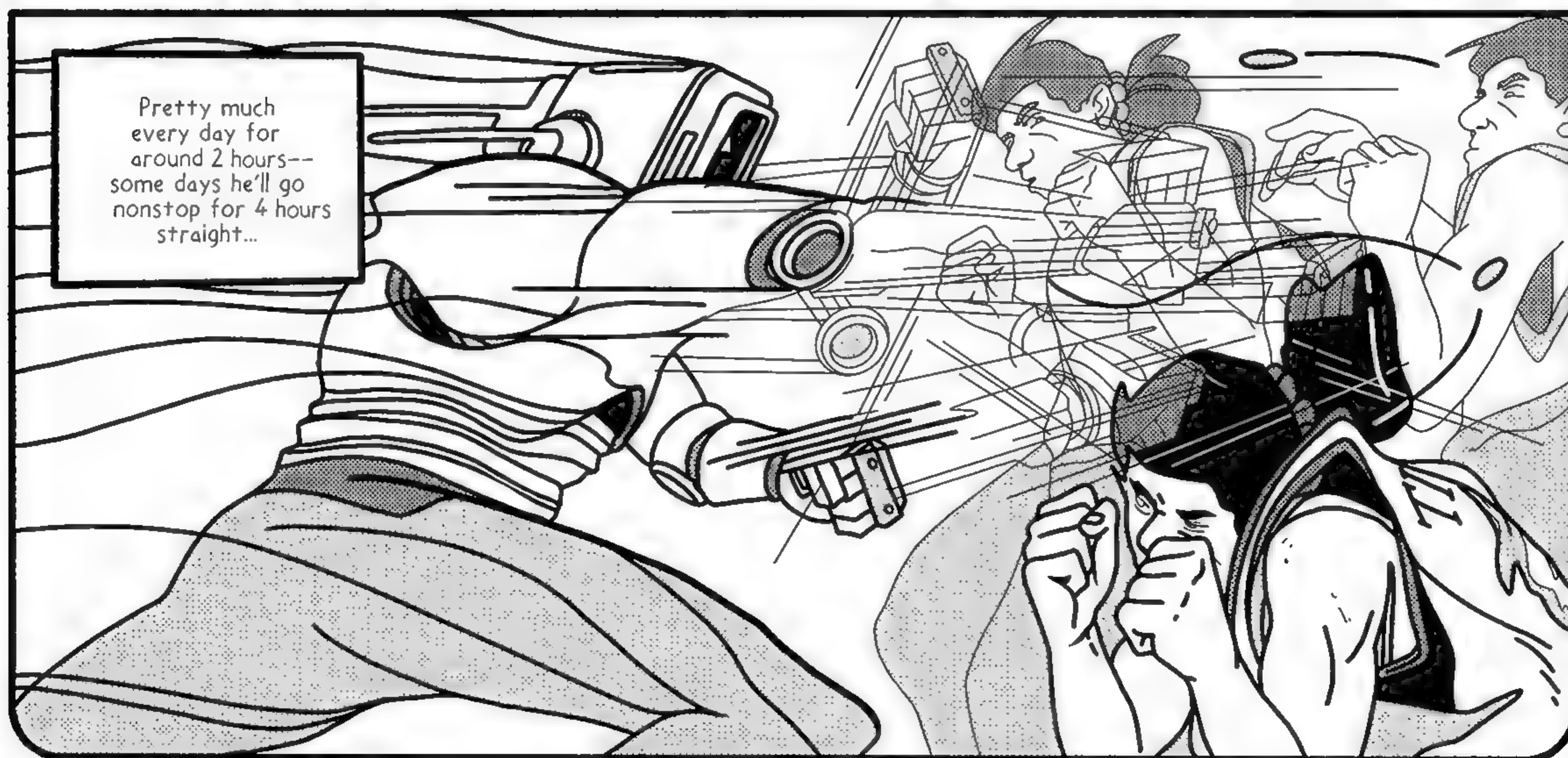
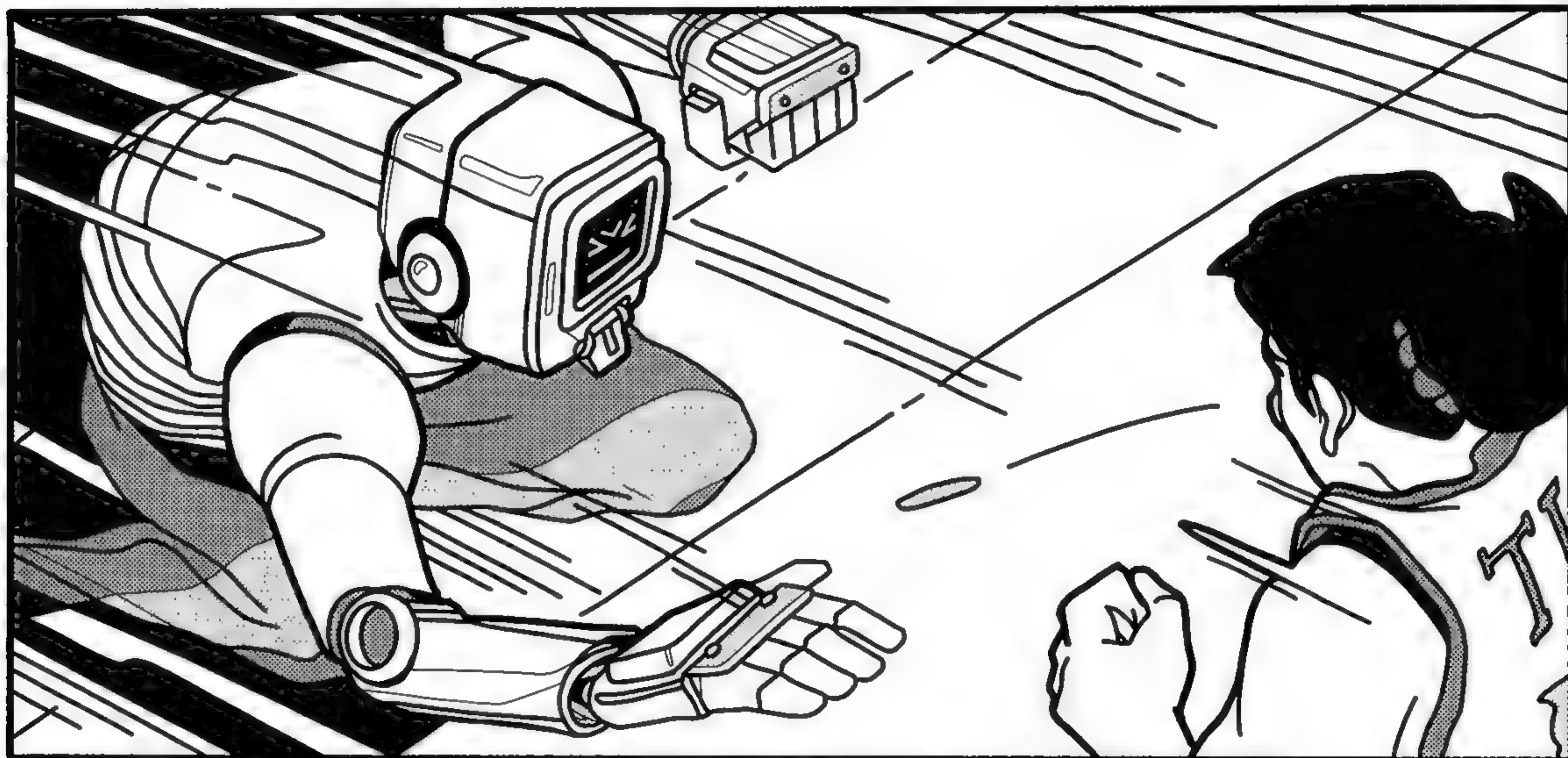
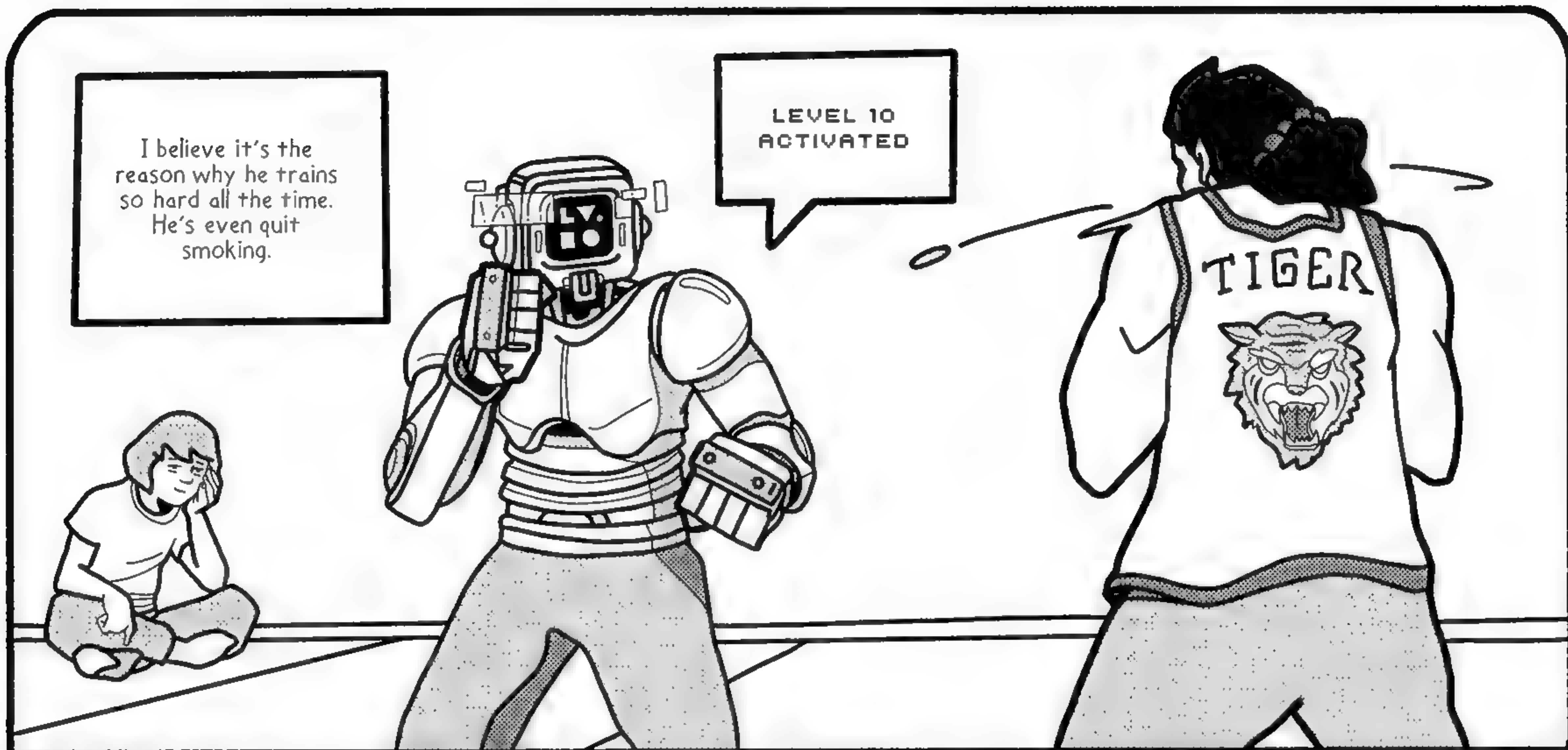
...His eyes tell me all I need to know-- I see deep sadness in his eyes.



Especially after using his phone... I don't know who he speaks to, but his mood dampens after every call...



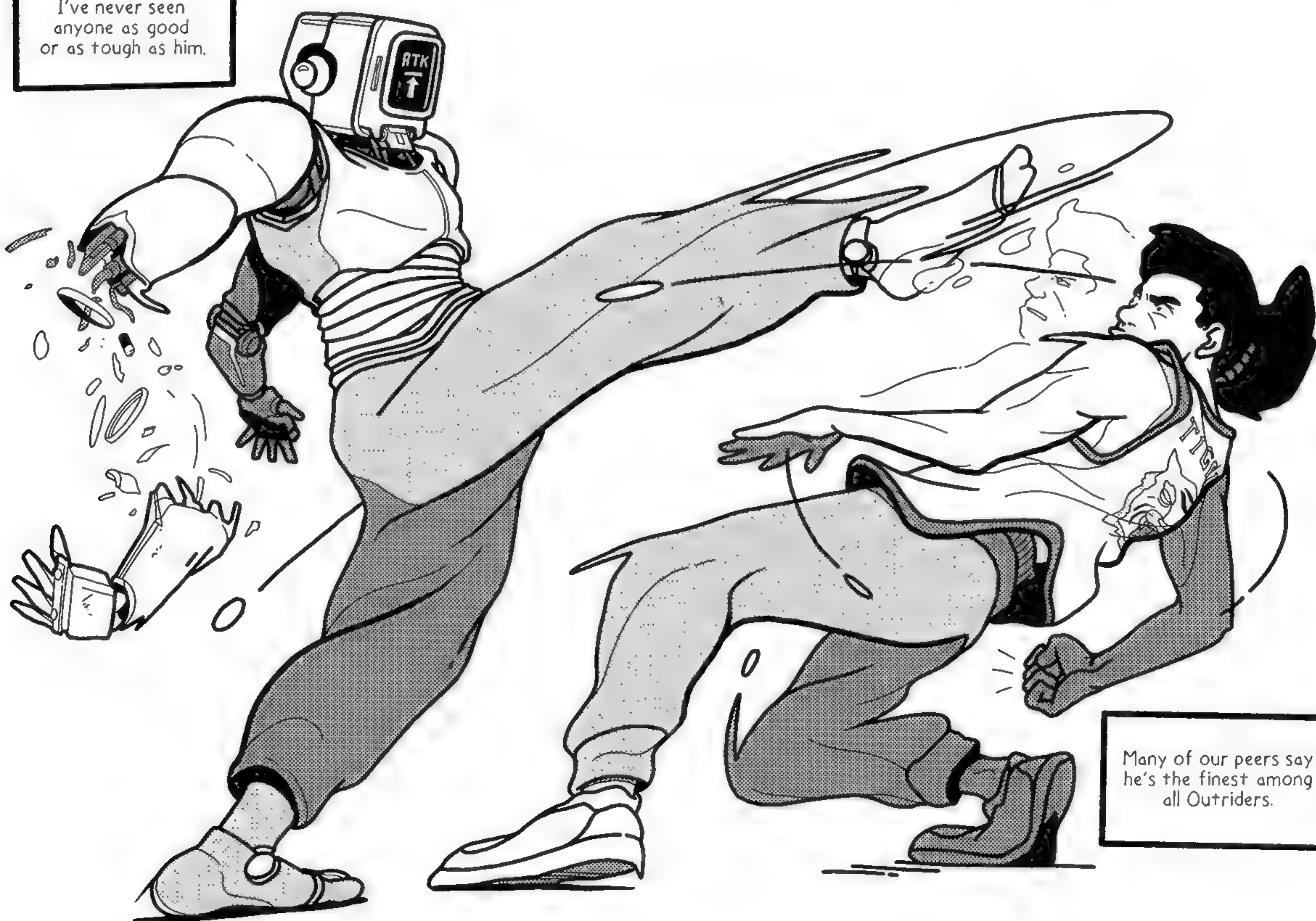
...Most likely Juniper, now that I think about it.



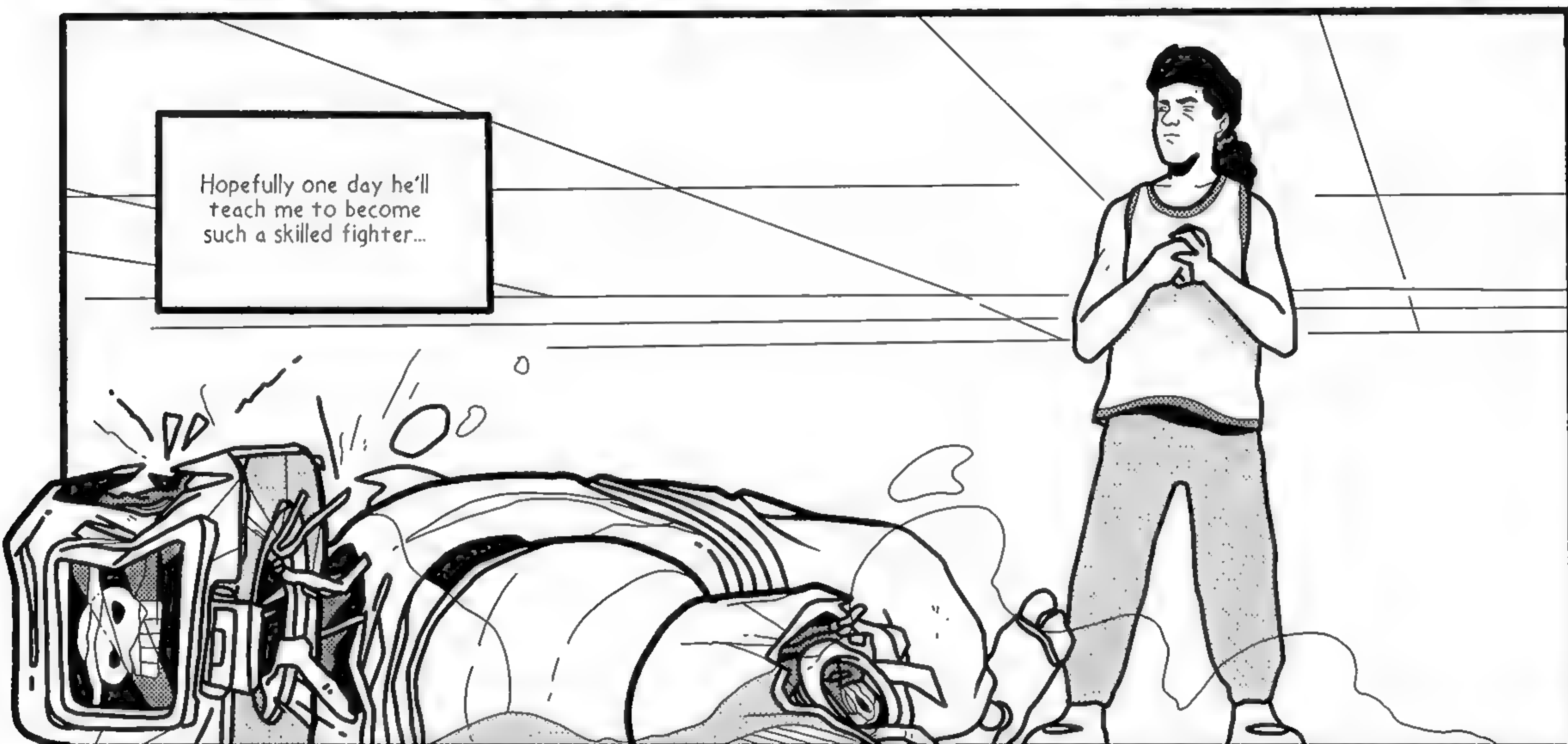
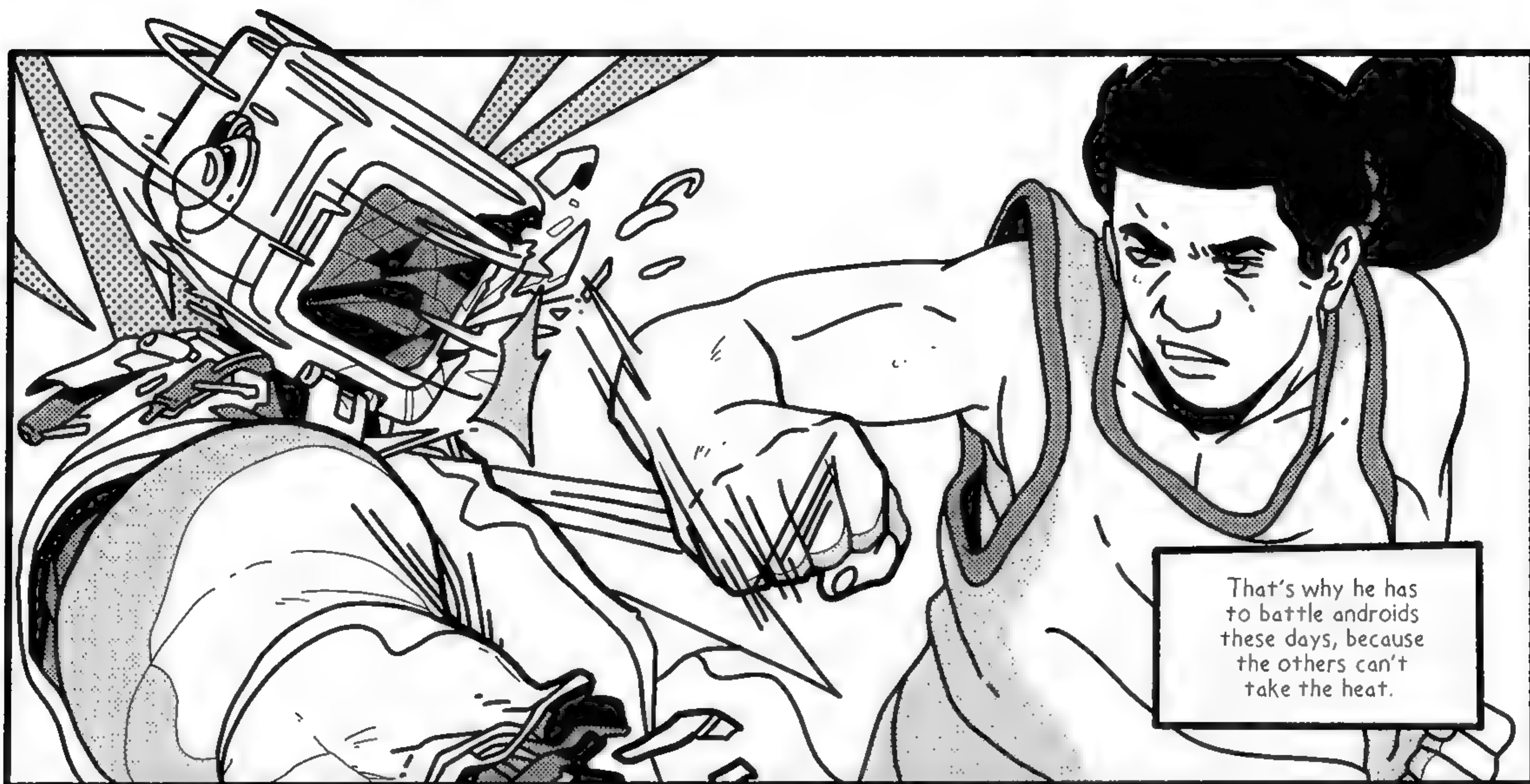
...It's quite
profound to
witness!

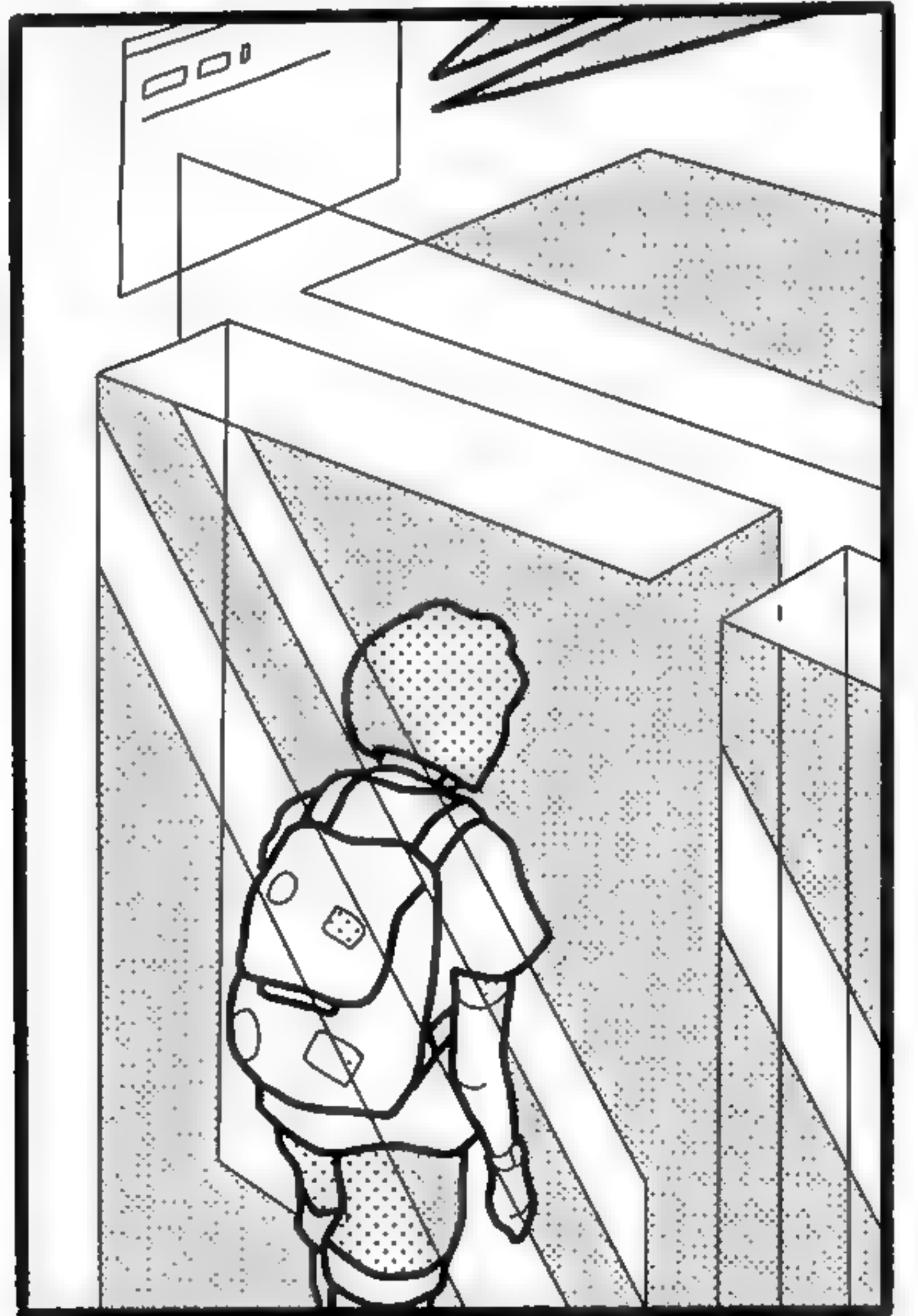
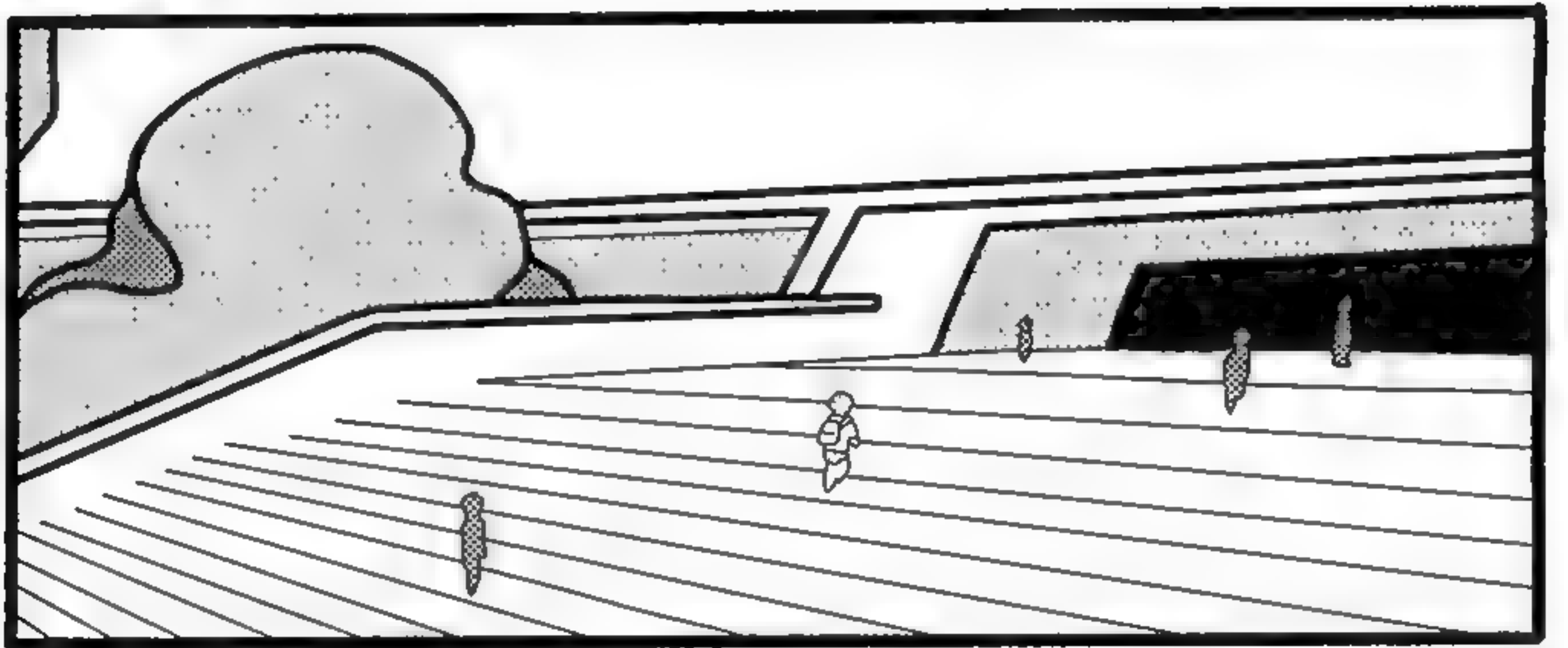
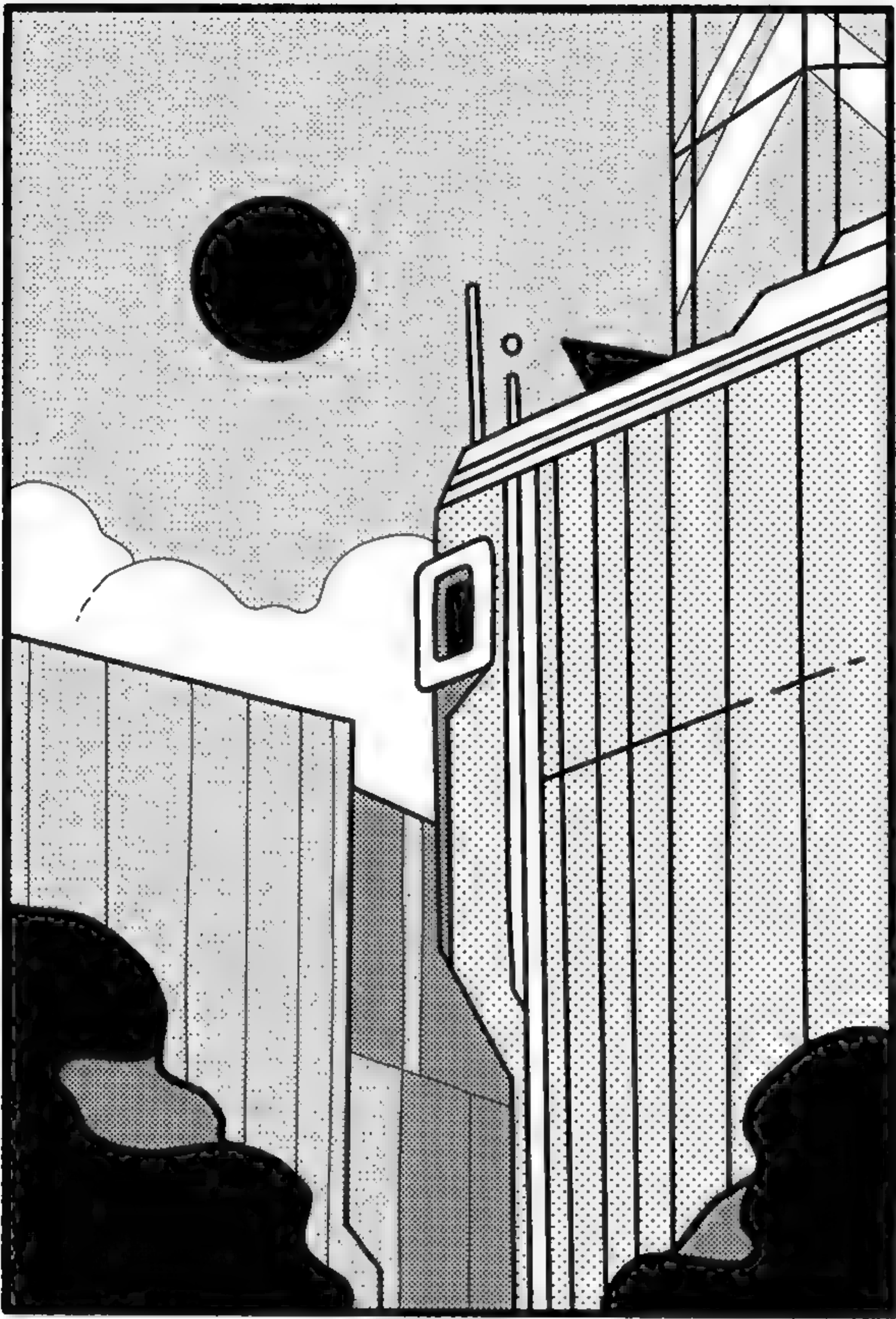


I've never seen
anyone as good
or as tough as him.

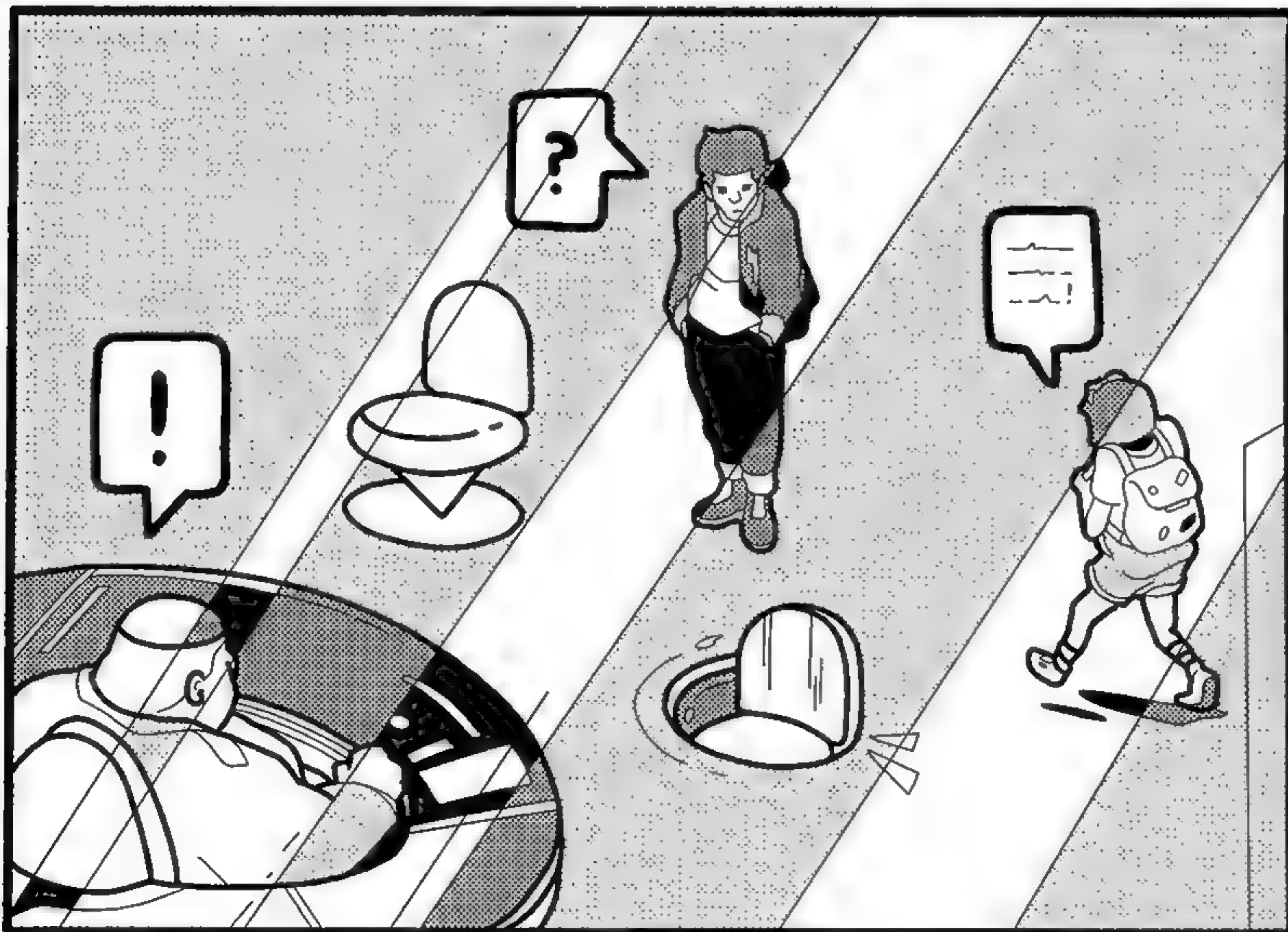
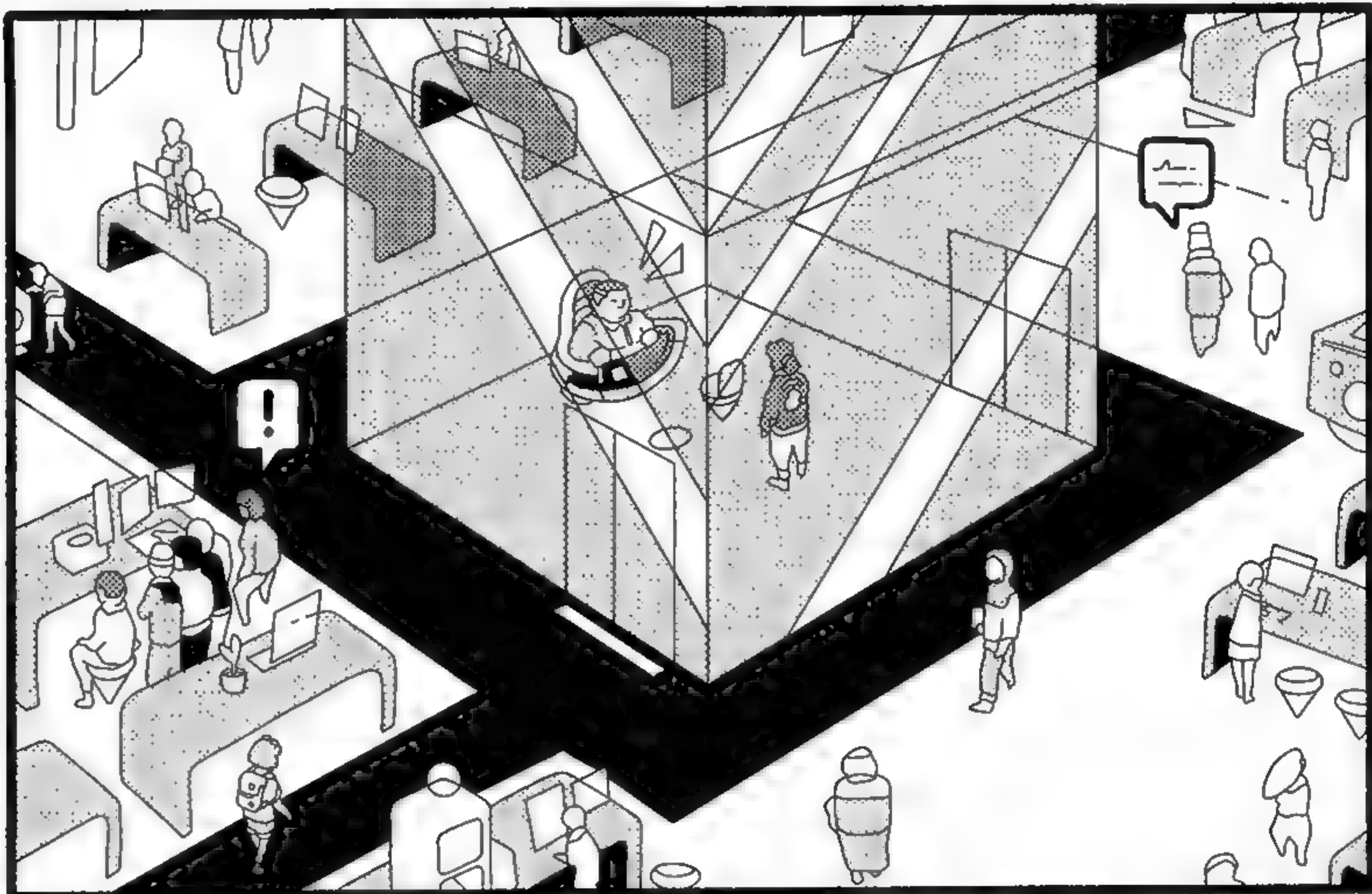
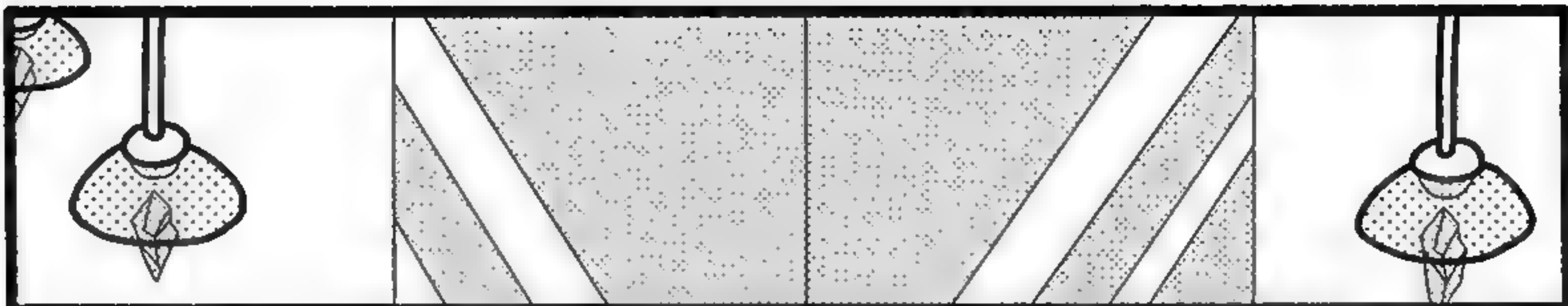
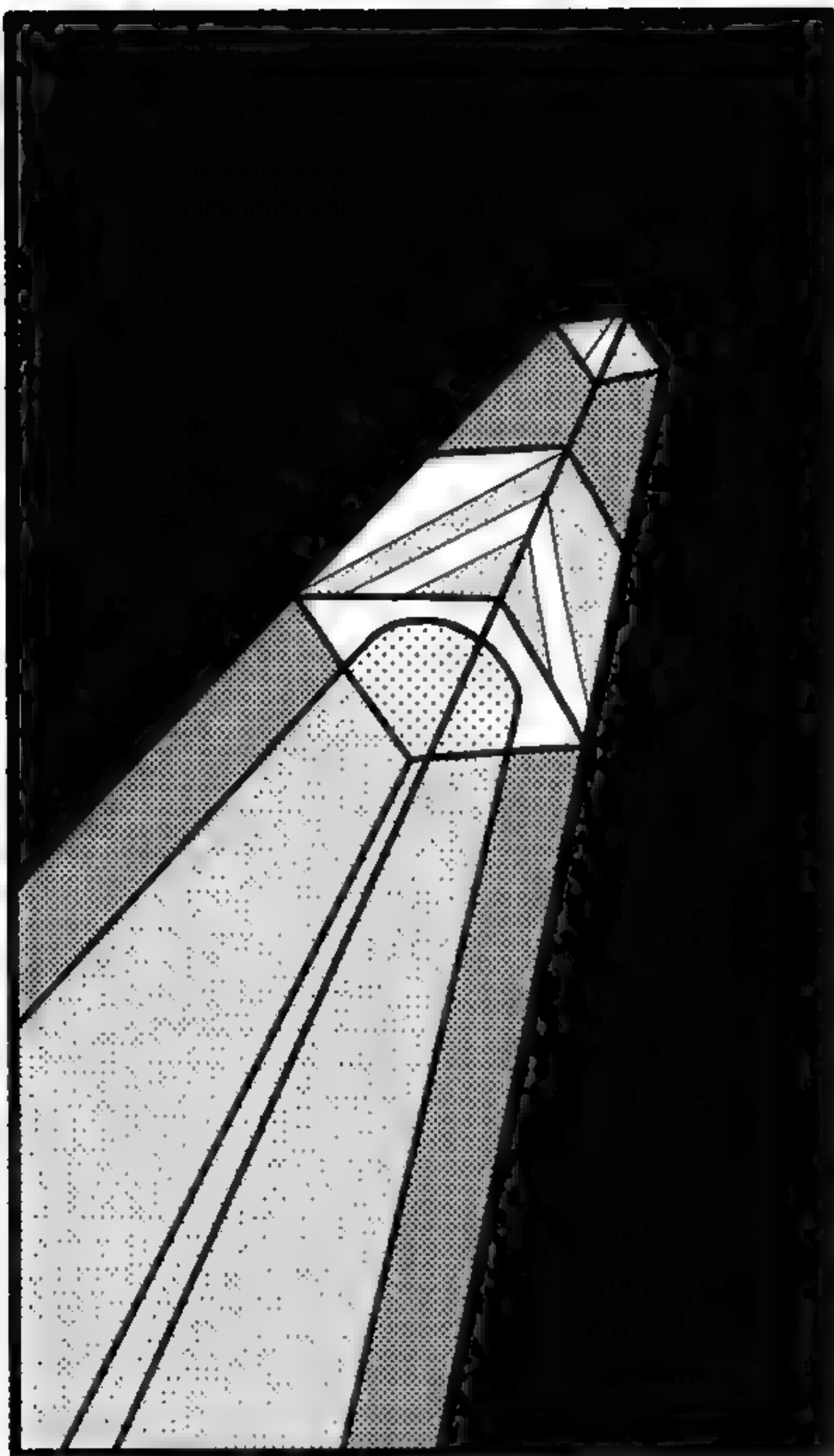


Many of our peers say
he's the finest among
all Outriders.





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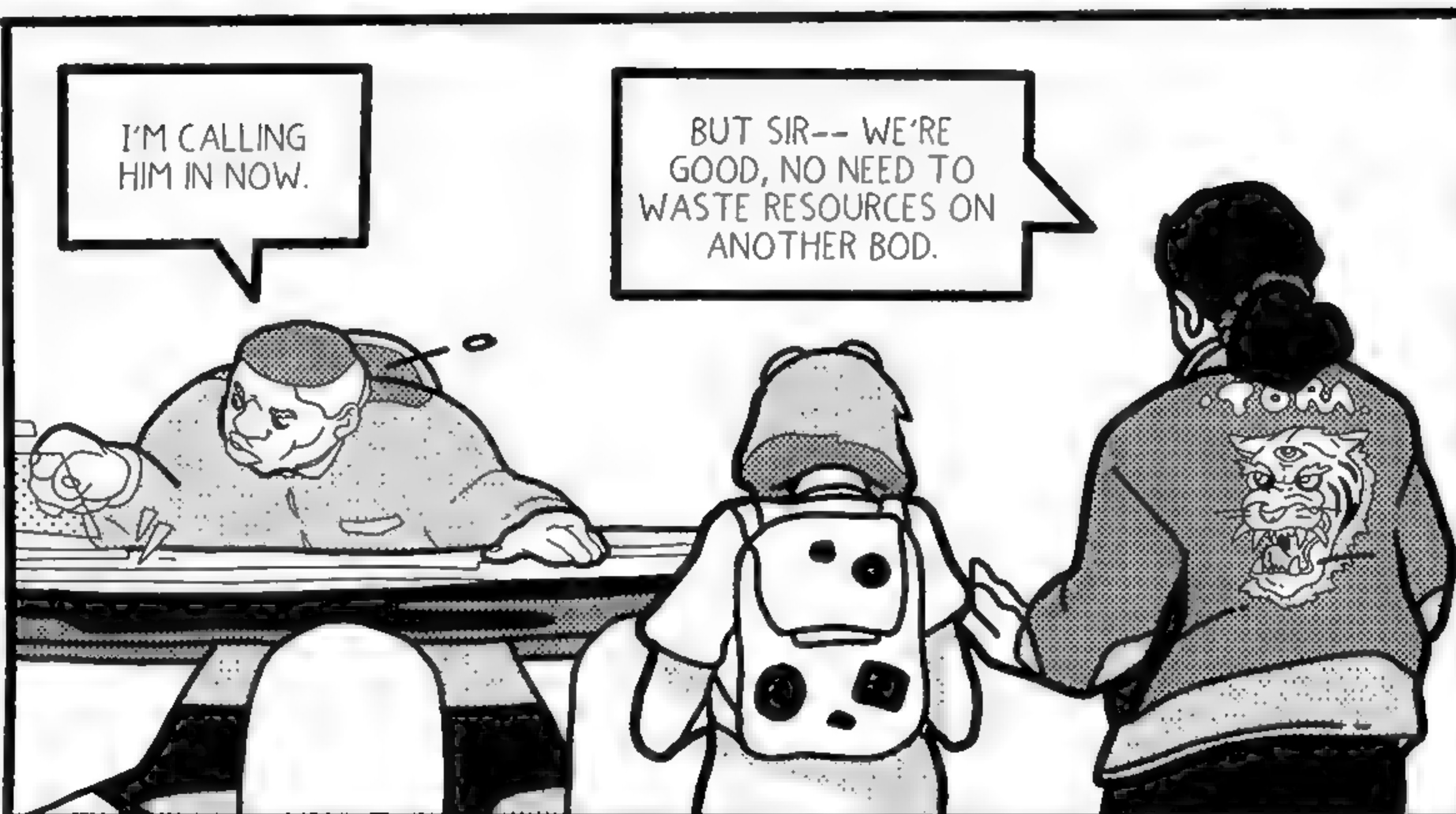


AS I WAS EXPLAINING
TO RINGO--YOU'LL BE
ASSIGNED A NEW MEMBER
TO YOUR SQUAD.

B-BUT
WE'VE BEEN
DOING OKAY.



YA TEAM IS THREADBARE WITH
THE DEATH OF SILAS, ARWEN
GOING AWOL, AND JUNIPER
STILL UNDER SUSPENSION
BECAUSE OF HER UNSANCTIONED
VOID ARTILLERY NONSENSE,
WITH THIS IDIOT!



I'M CALLING
HIM IN NOW.

BUT SIR-- WE'RE
GOOD, NO NEED TO
WASTE RESOURCES ON
ANOTHER BOD.

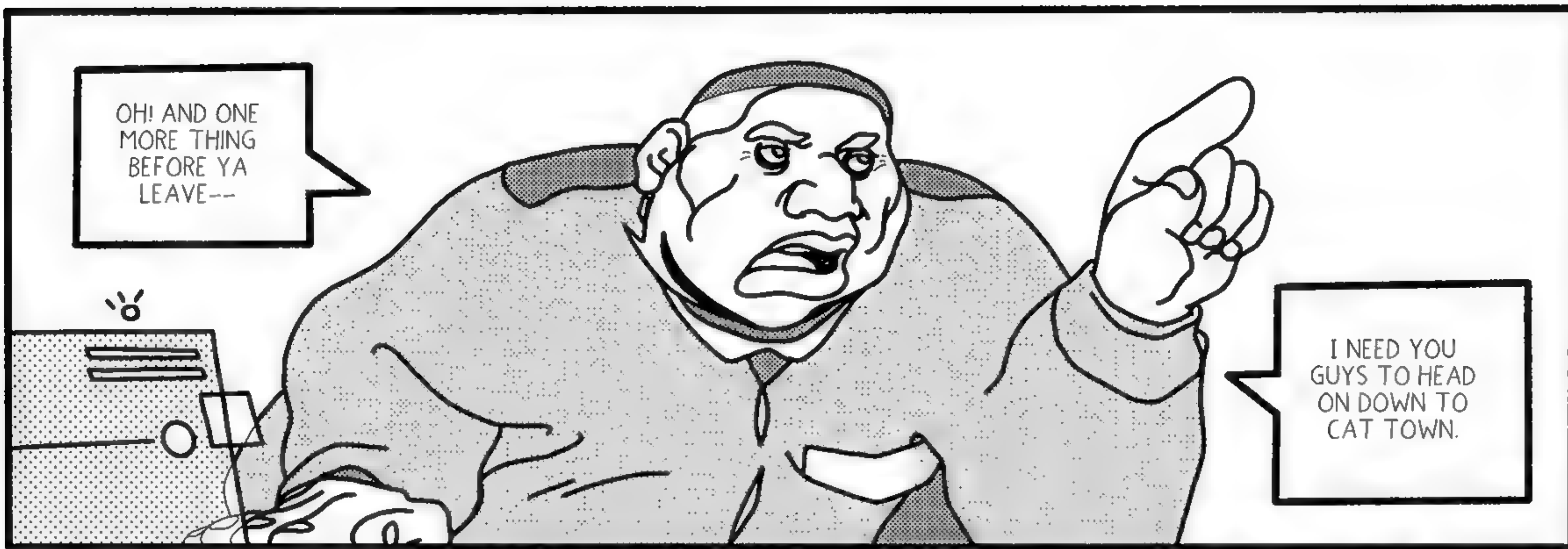


HEY, SHEILA!

Y-YES,
BOSS?

SEND IN THE
BIG GUY,
WILL YA!





OH! AND ONE MORE THING BEFORE YA LEAVE---

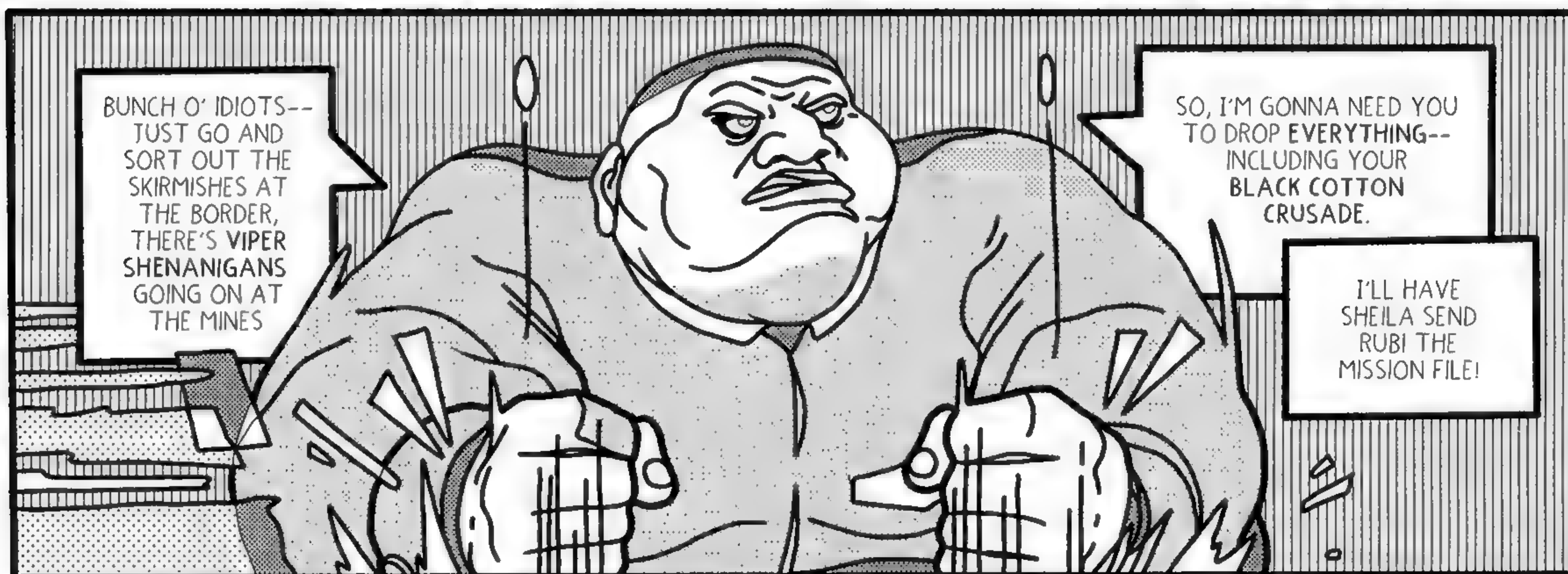
I NEED YOU GUYS TO HEAD ON DOWN TO CAT TOWN.



WHY THANK YOU, SIR, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I LAST ATE PUSSY.

EWW!

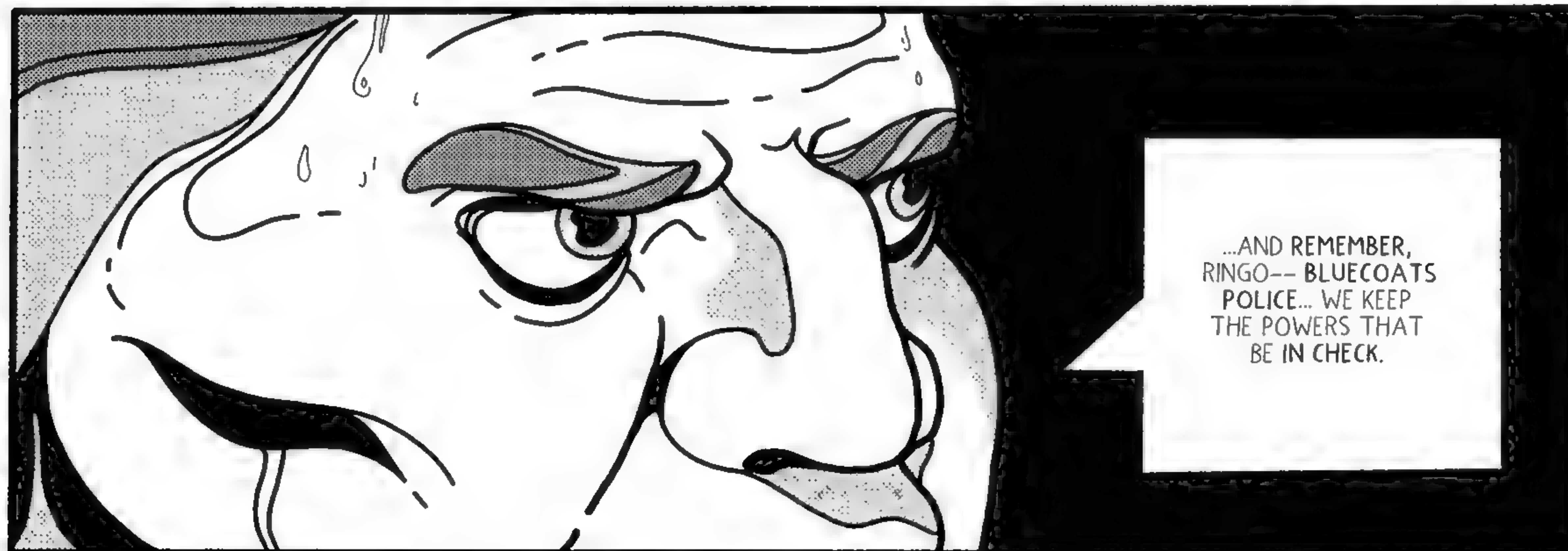
WAIT-- YOU EAT CATS?



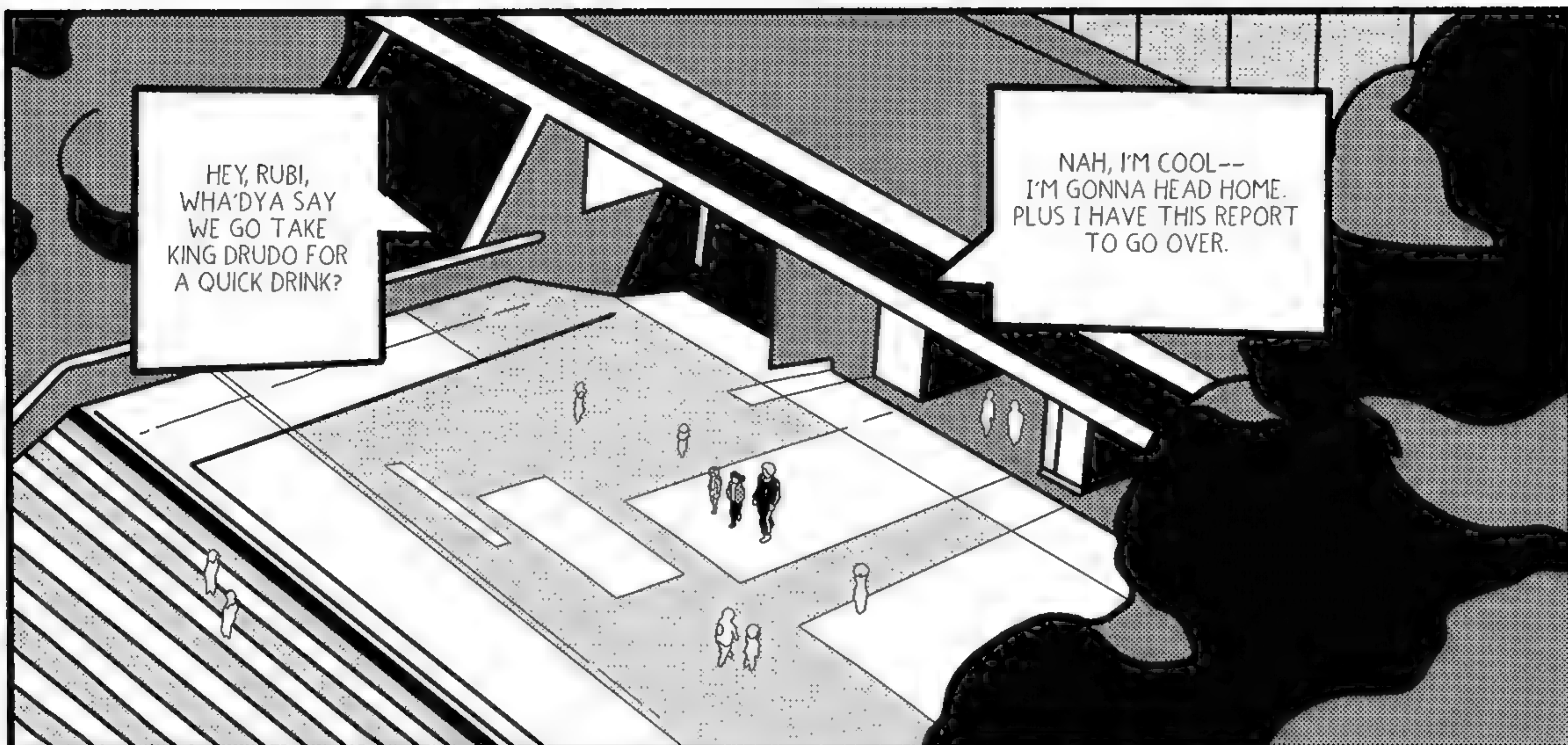
BUNCH O' IDIOTS-- JUST GO AND SORT OUT THE SKIRMISHES AT THE BORDER, THERE'S VIPER SHENANIGANS GOING ON AT THE MINES

SO, I'M GONNA NEED YOU TO DROP EVERYTHING-- INCLUDING YOUR BLACK COTTON CRUSADE.

I'LL HAVE SHEILA SEND RUBI THE MISSION FILE!



...AND REMEMBER, RINGO-- BLUECOATS POLICE... WE KEEP THE POWERS THAT BE IN CHECK.



HEY, RUBI,
WHA'DYA SAY
WE GO TAKE
KING DRUDO FOR
A QUICK DRINK?

NAH, I'M COOL---
I'M GONNA HEAD HOME.
PLUS I HAVE THIS REPORT
TO GO OVER.

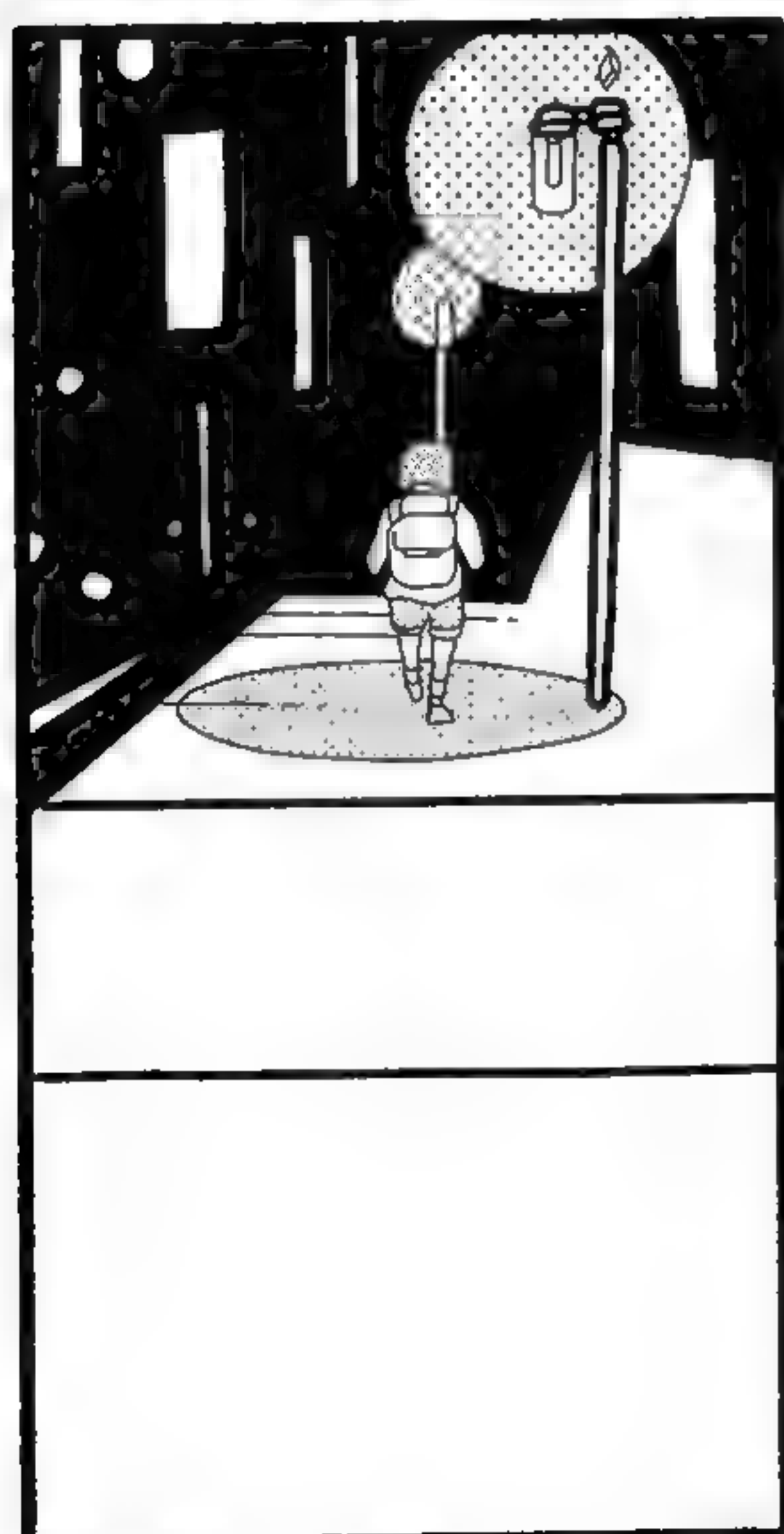


ARE YOU
SURE-- HEY,
YOU ALL RIGHT?

YEAH,
I'M GOOD--
MEET YA
BACK AT
HOME, OKAY?

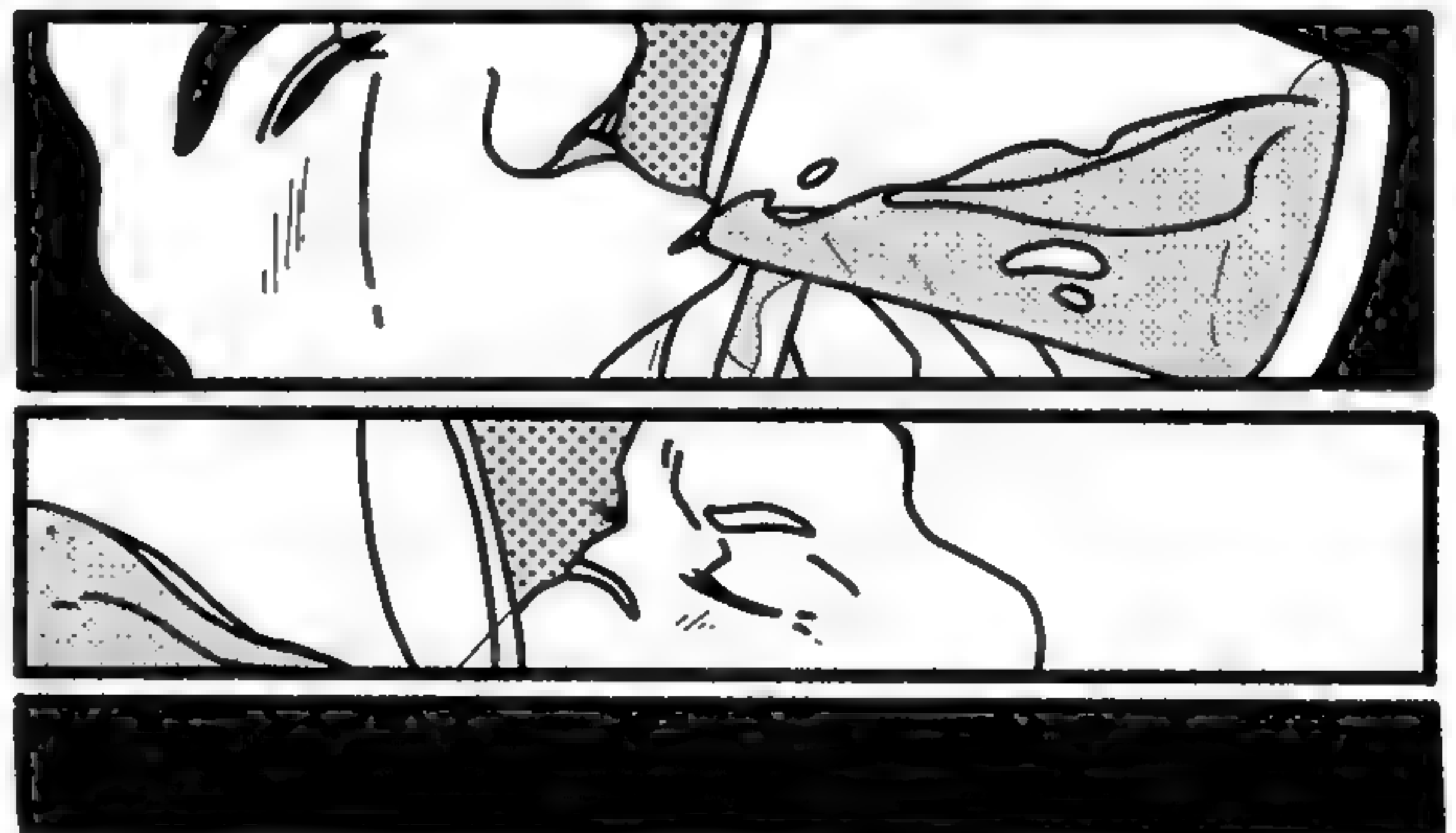
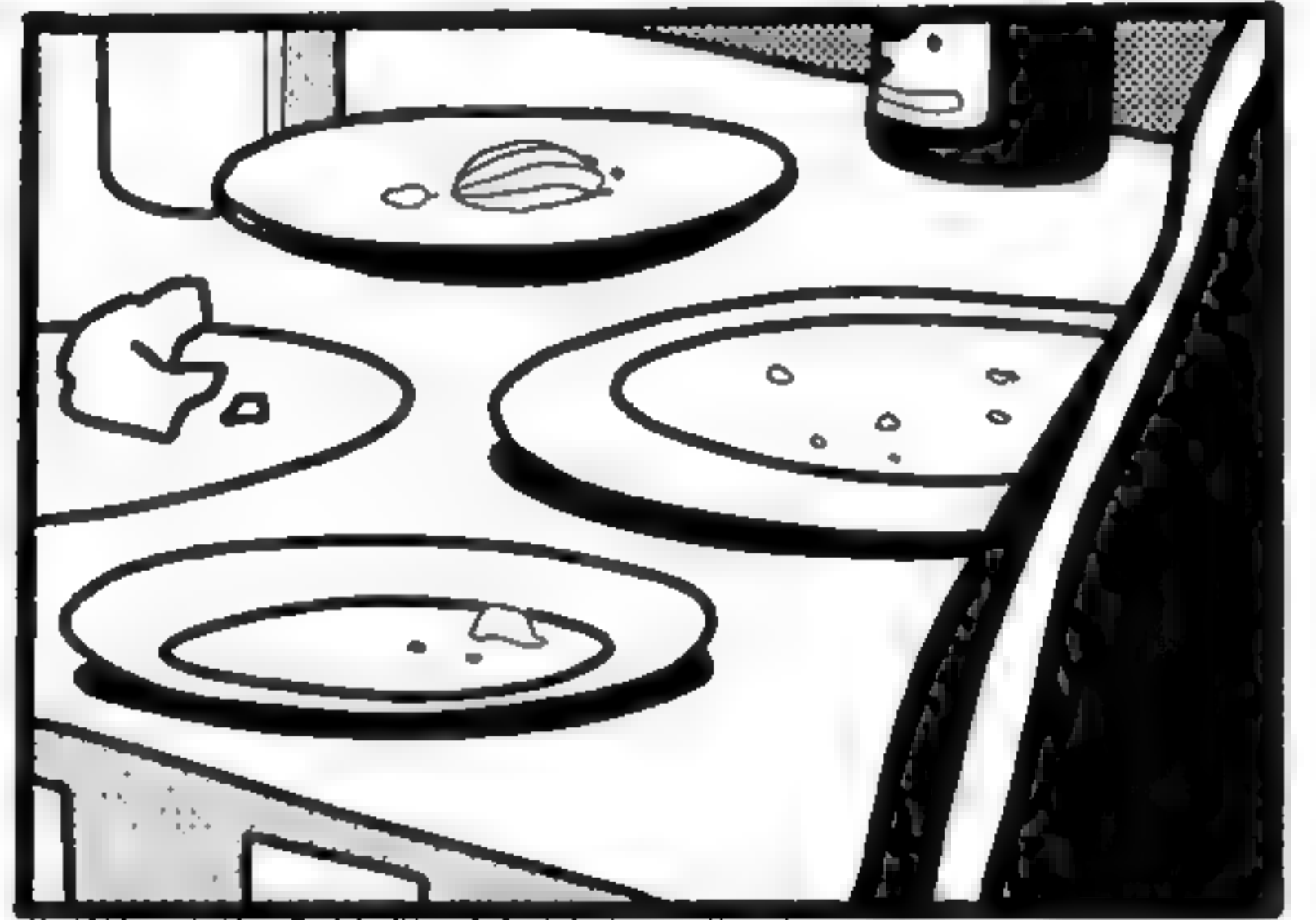
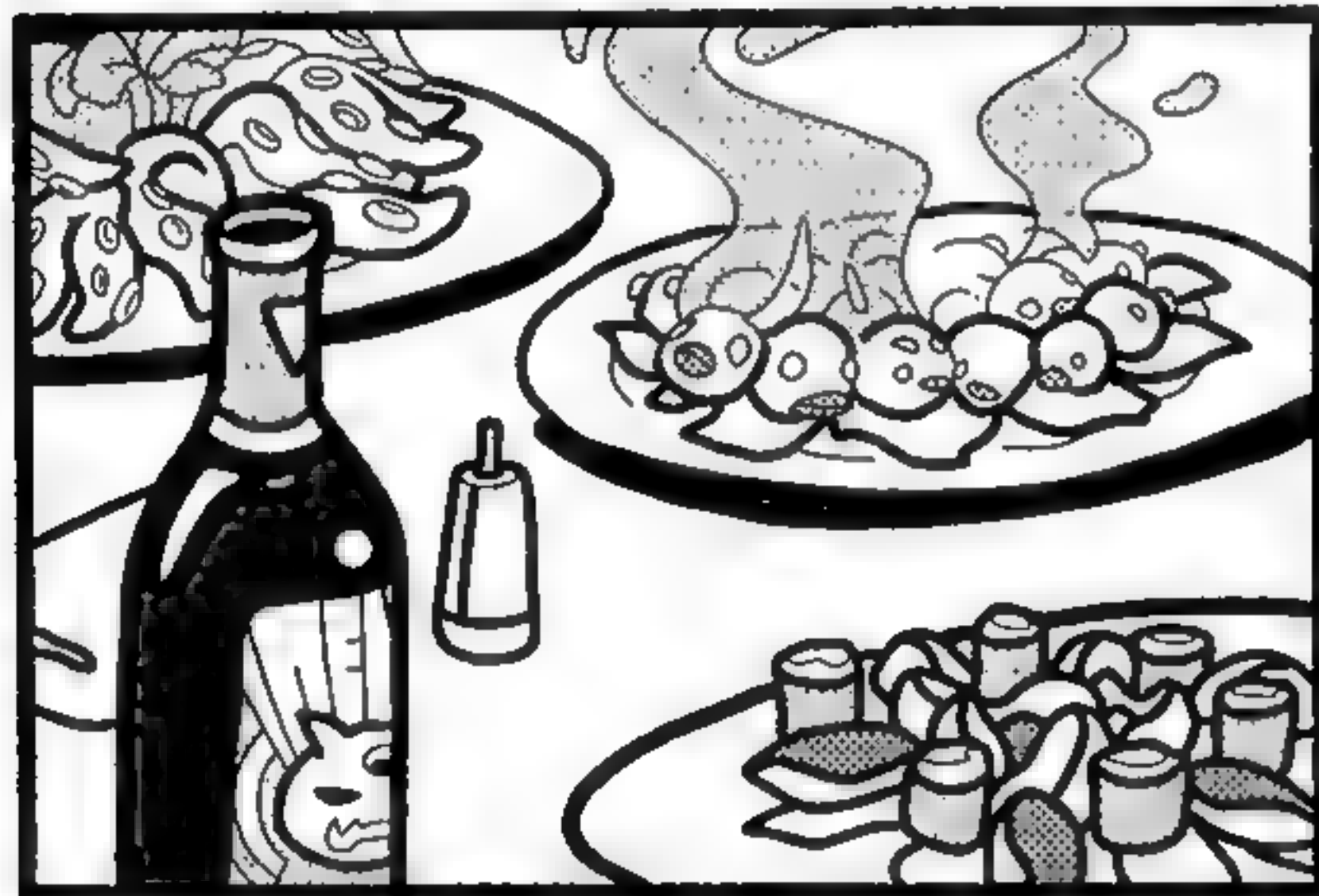
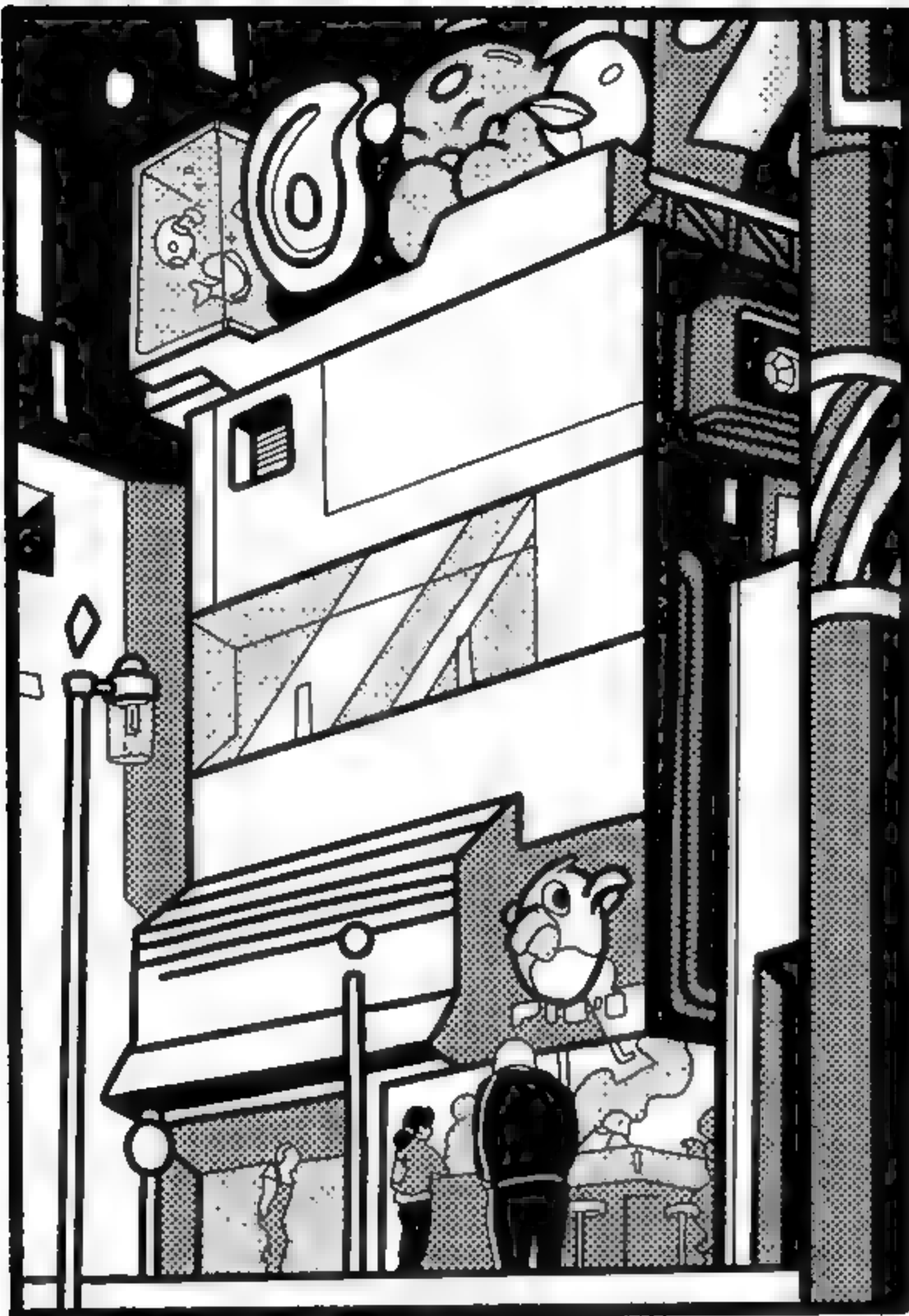


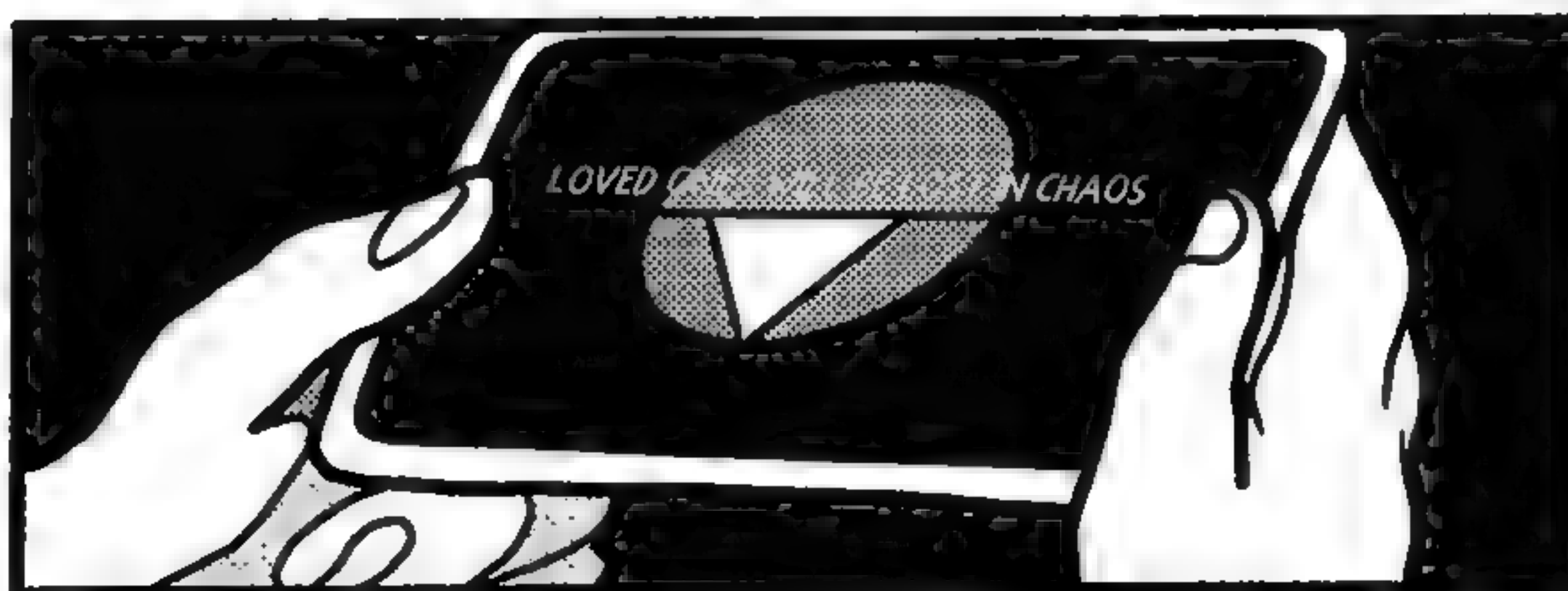
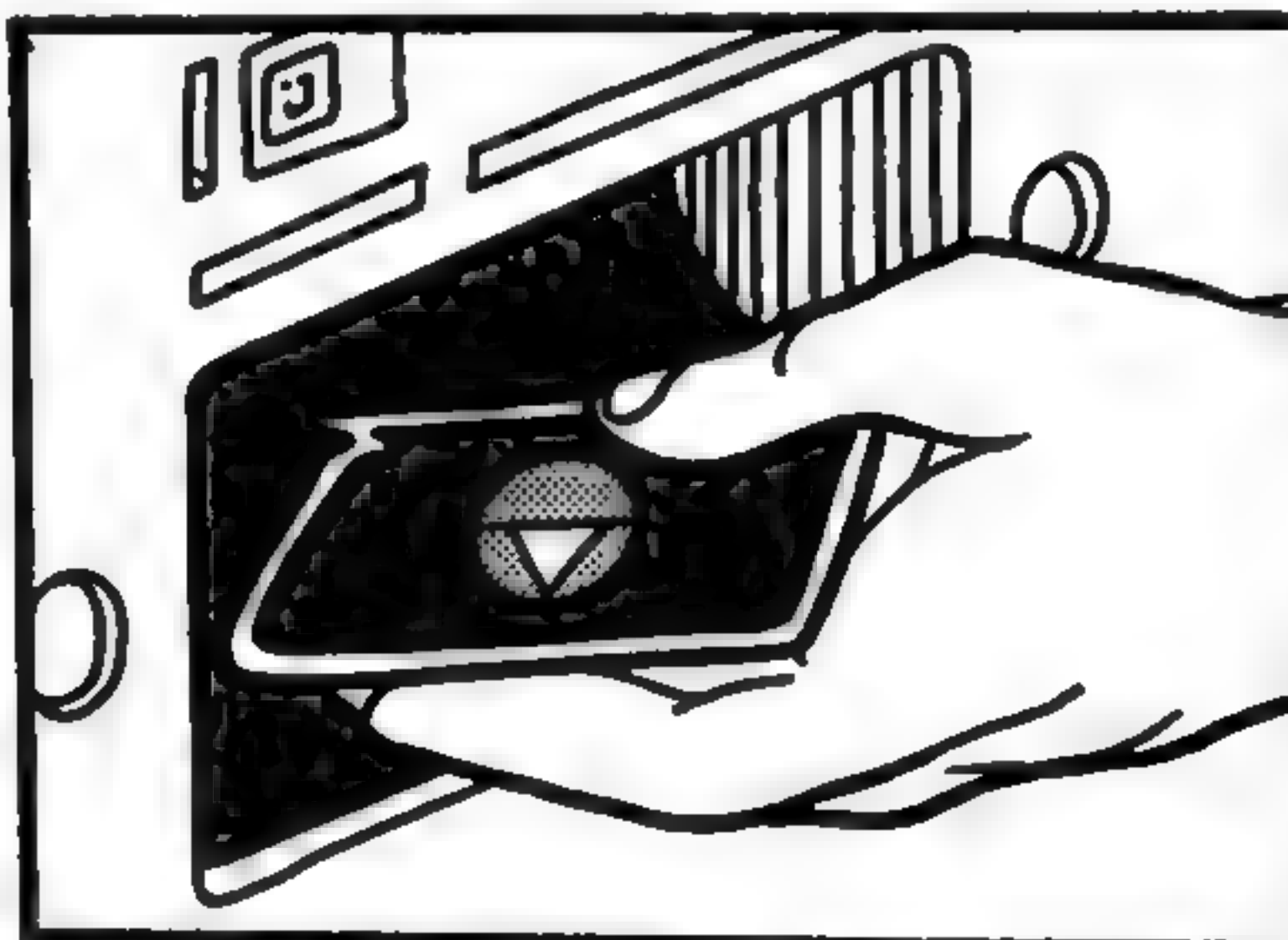
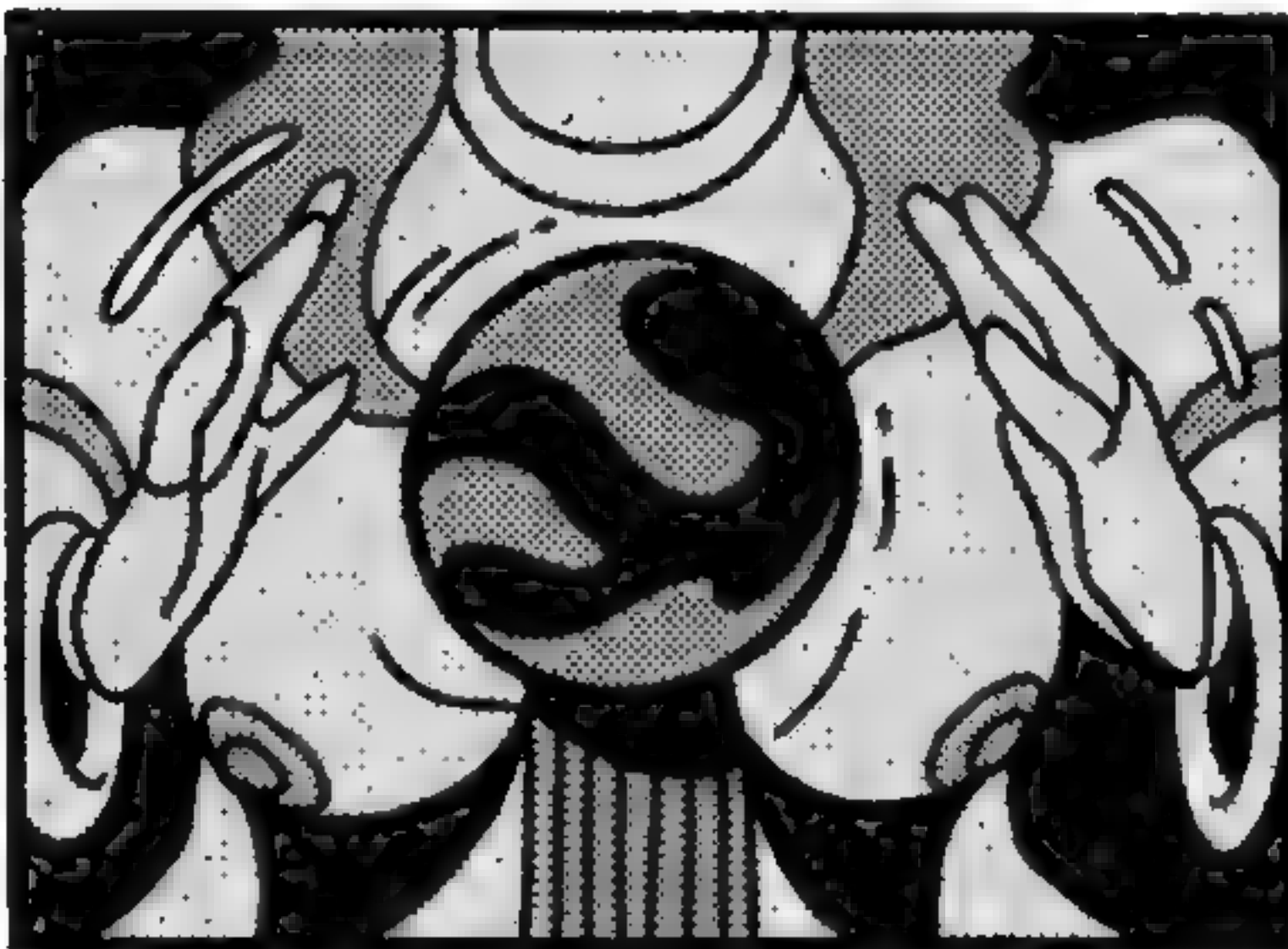
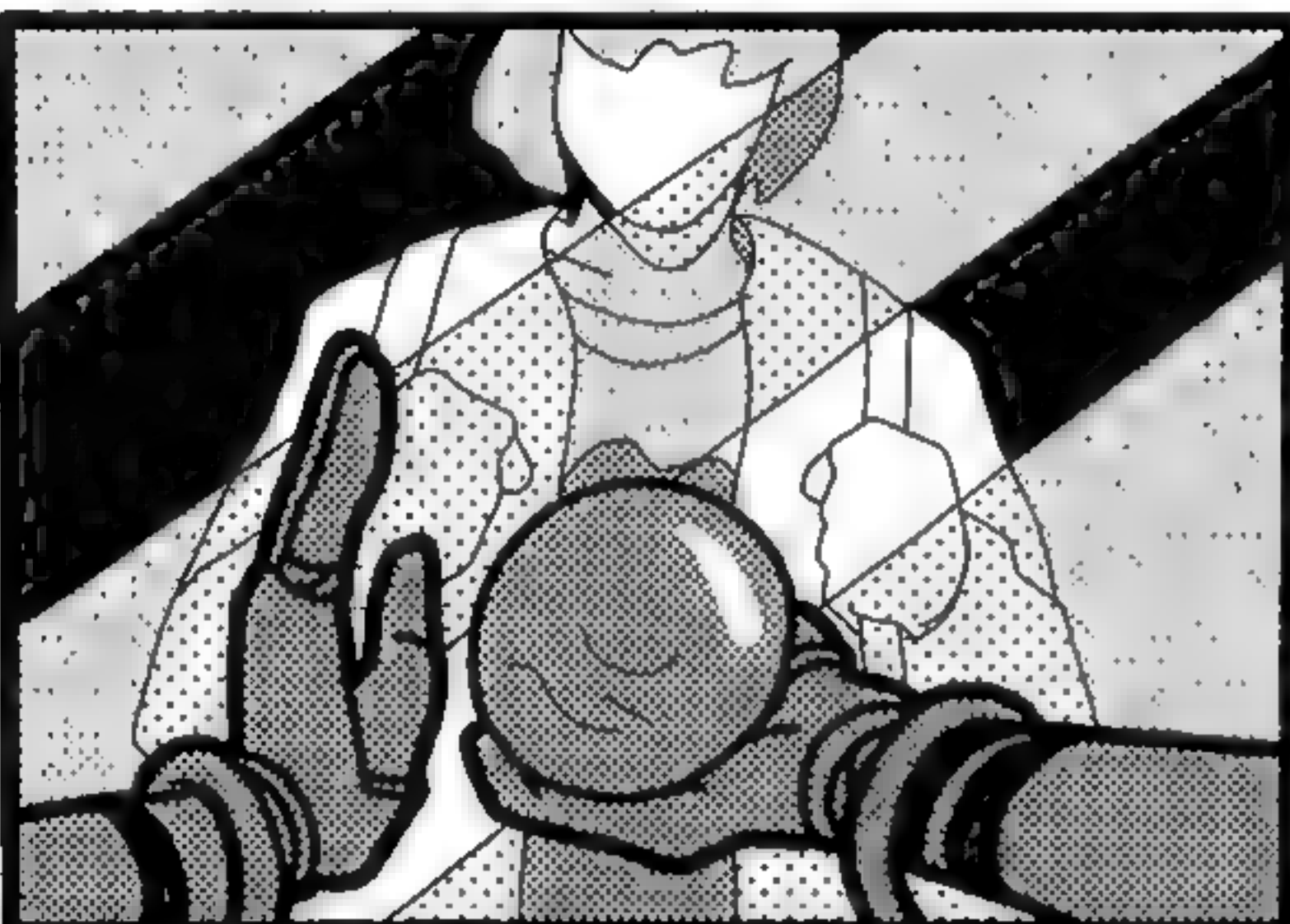
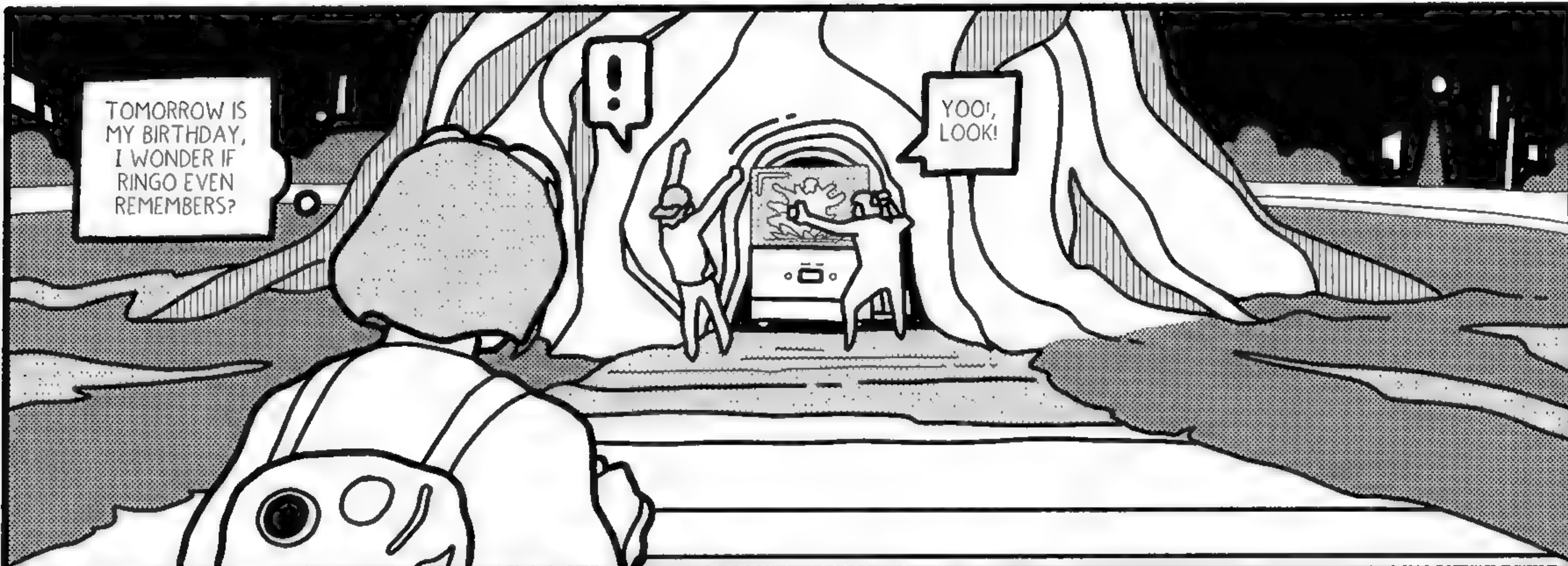
OKAY, SEE YOU LATER--
CALL ME IF YOU NEED
ANYTHING.

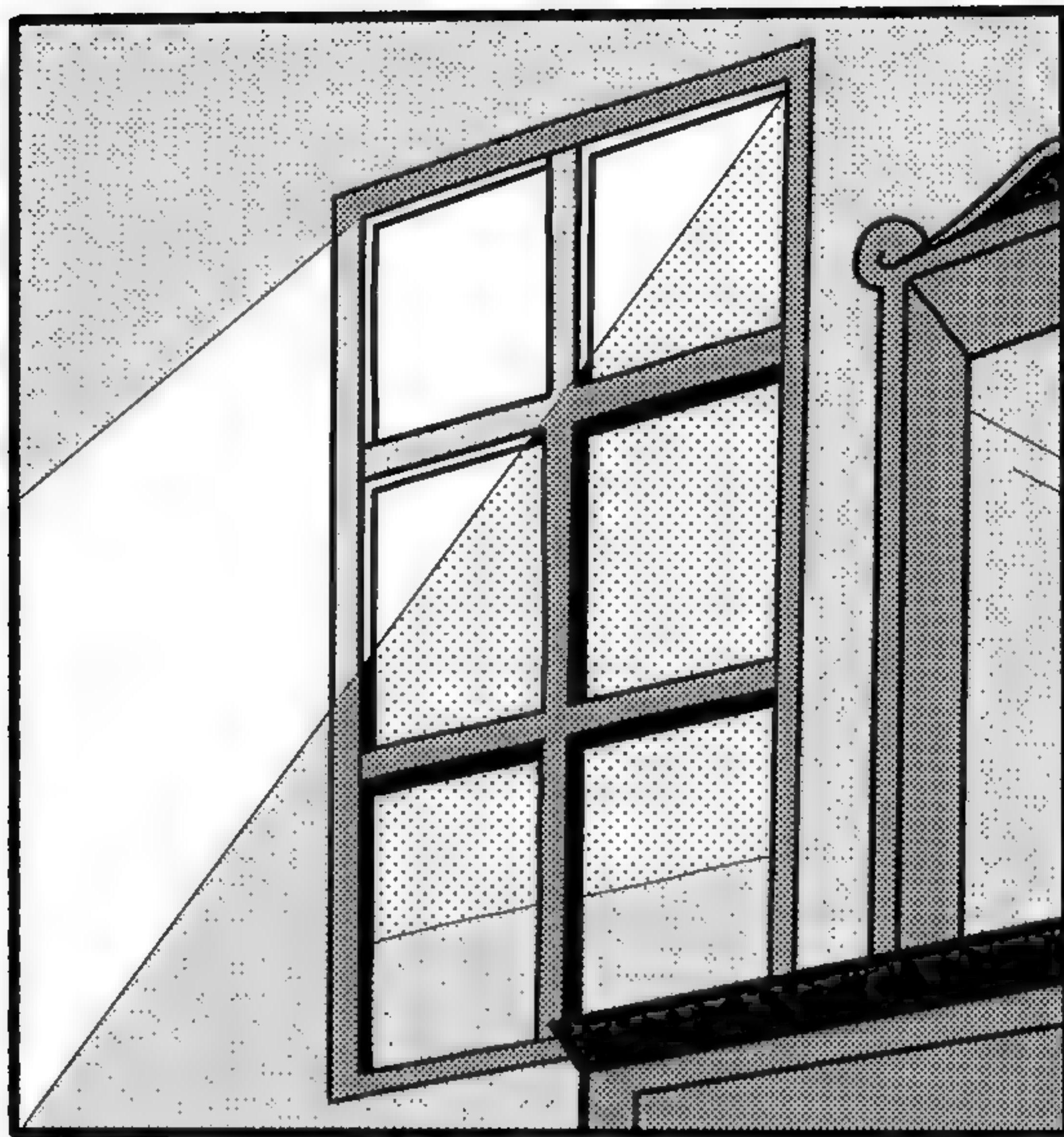
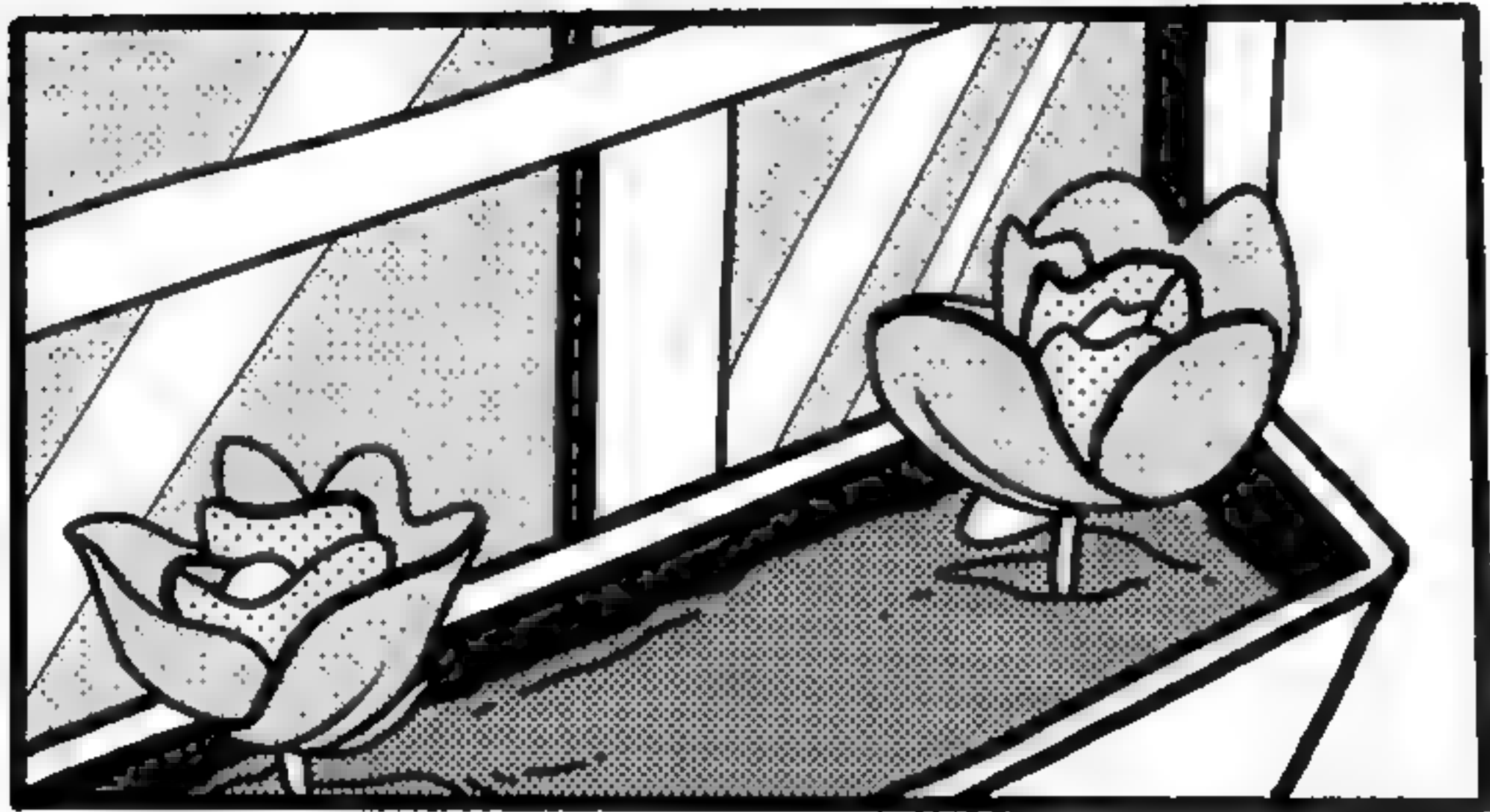


HEY, IS SHE
GONNA BE
ALL RIGHT? IT'S
KINDA LATE

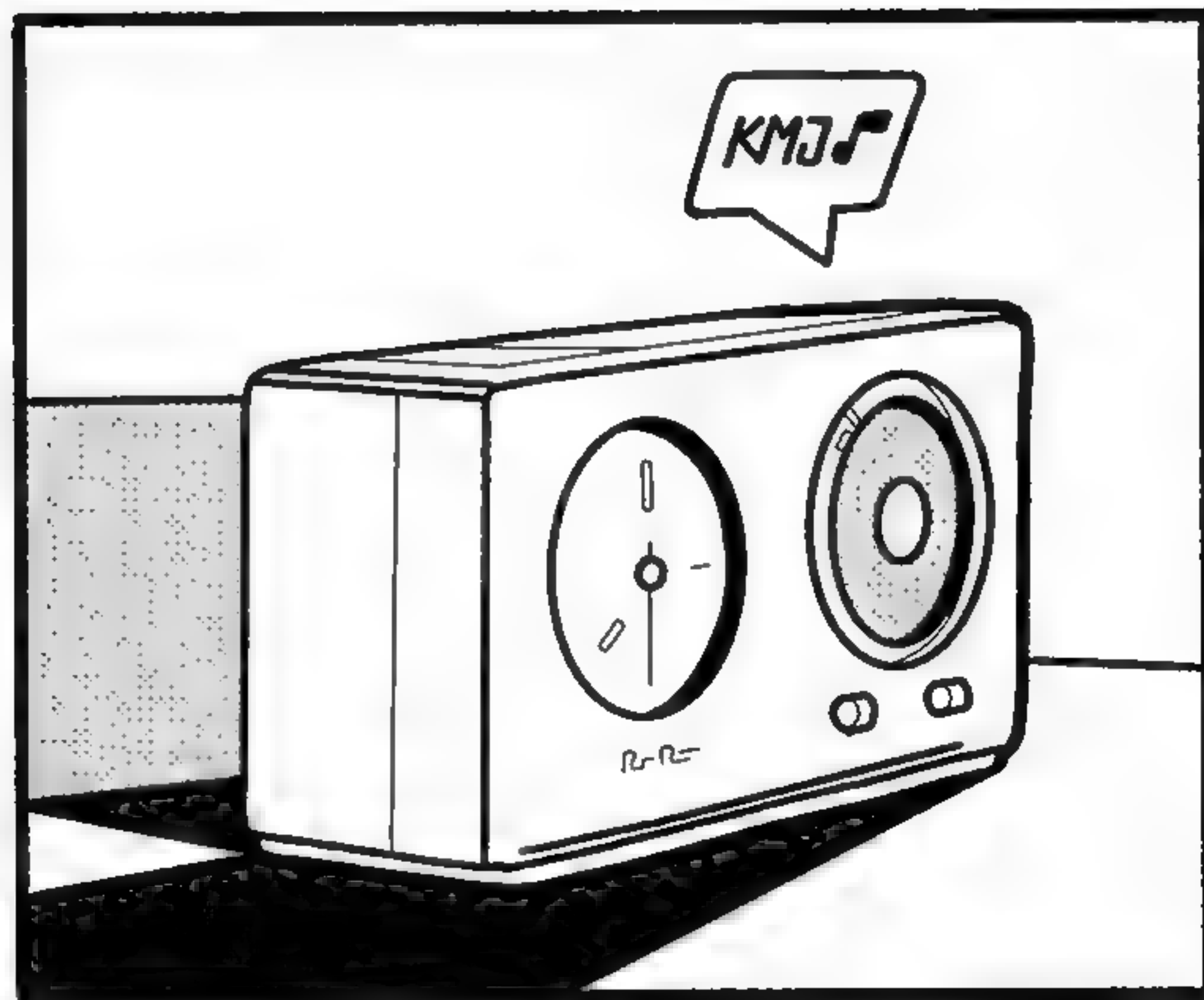
YEAH, SHE'S A LOT
TOUGHER THAN
SHE LOOKS.

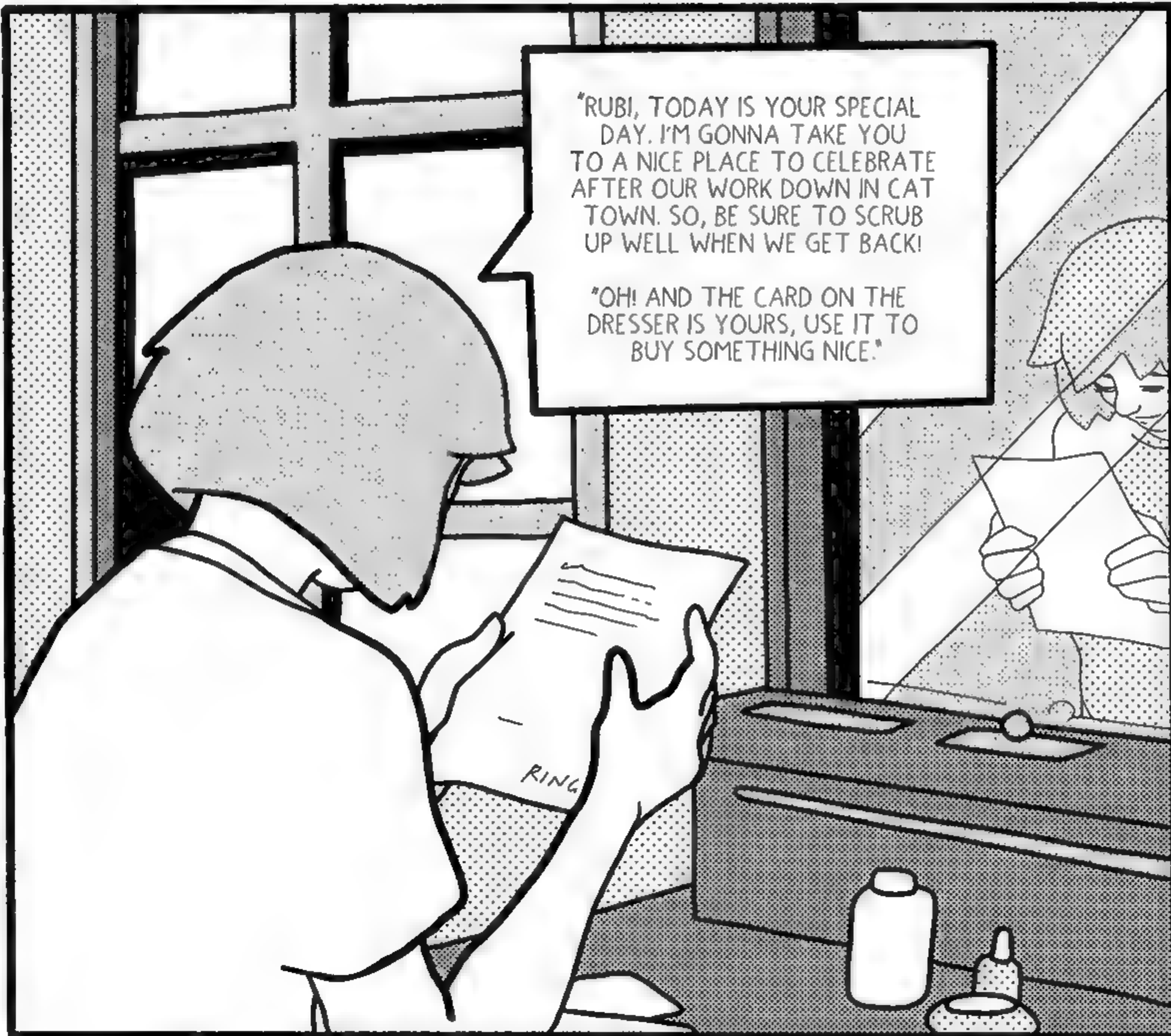
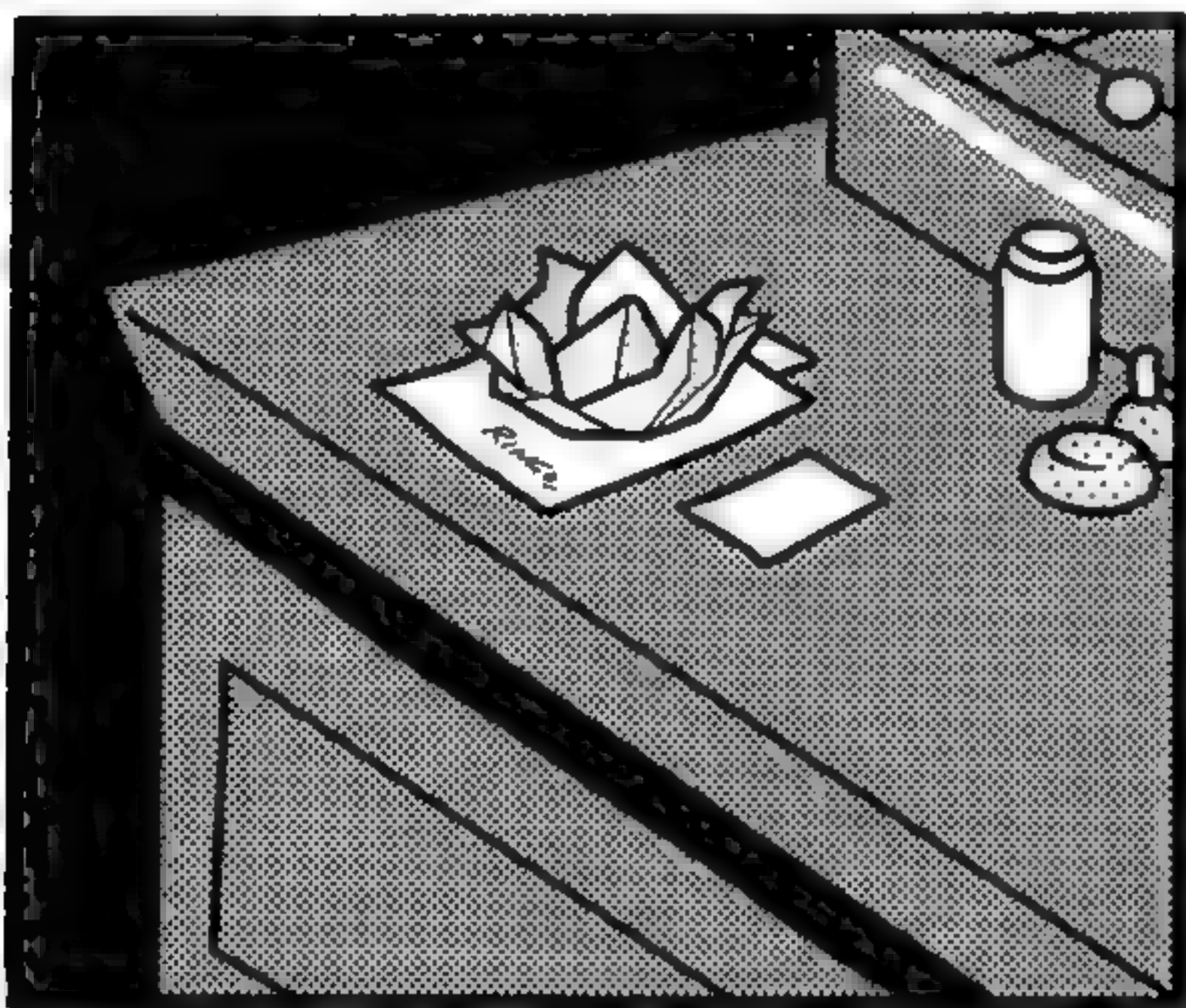
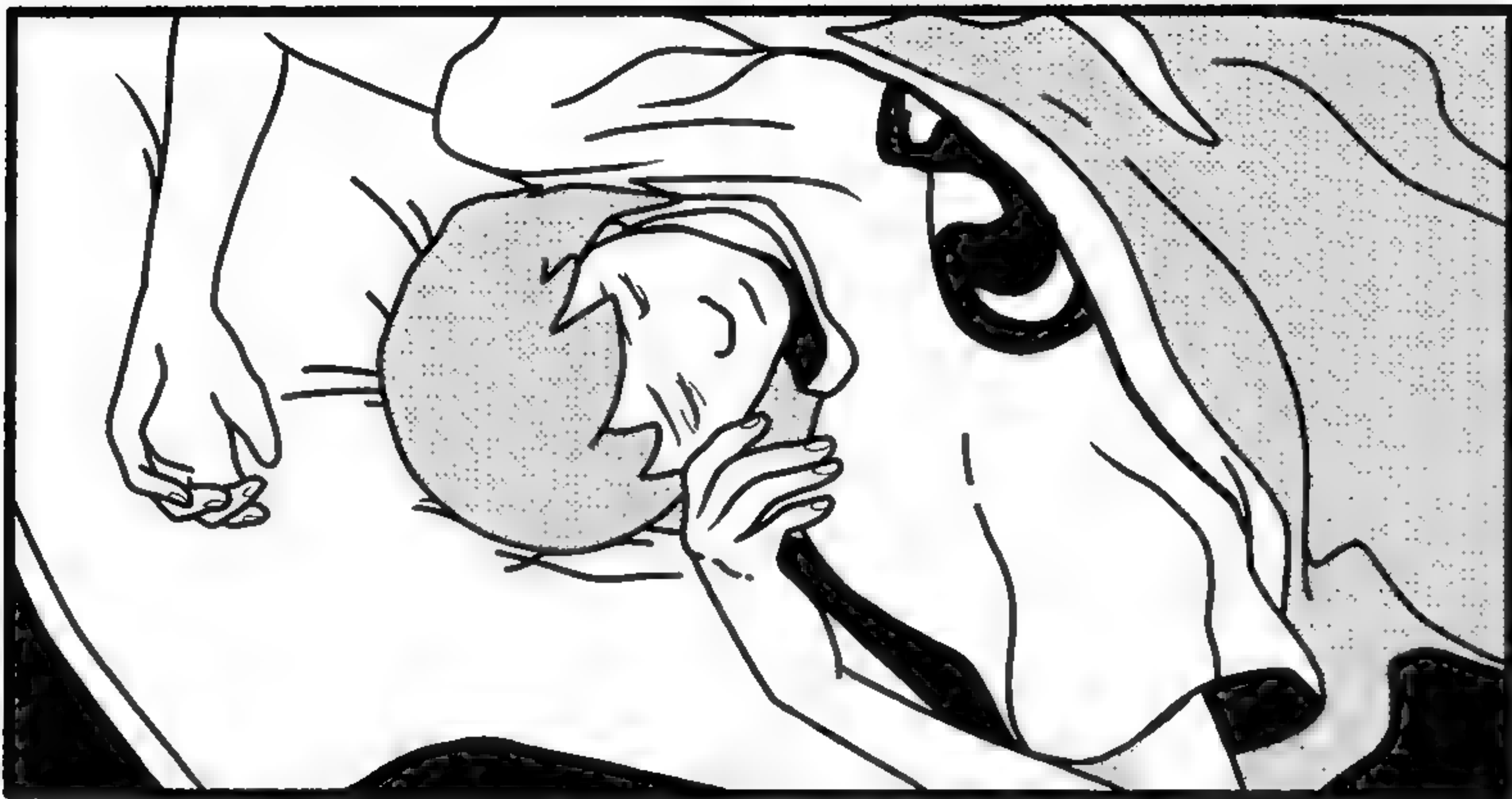






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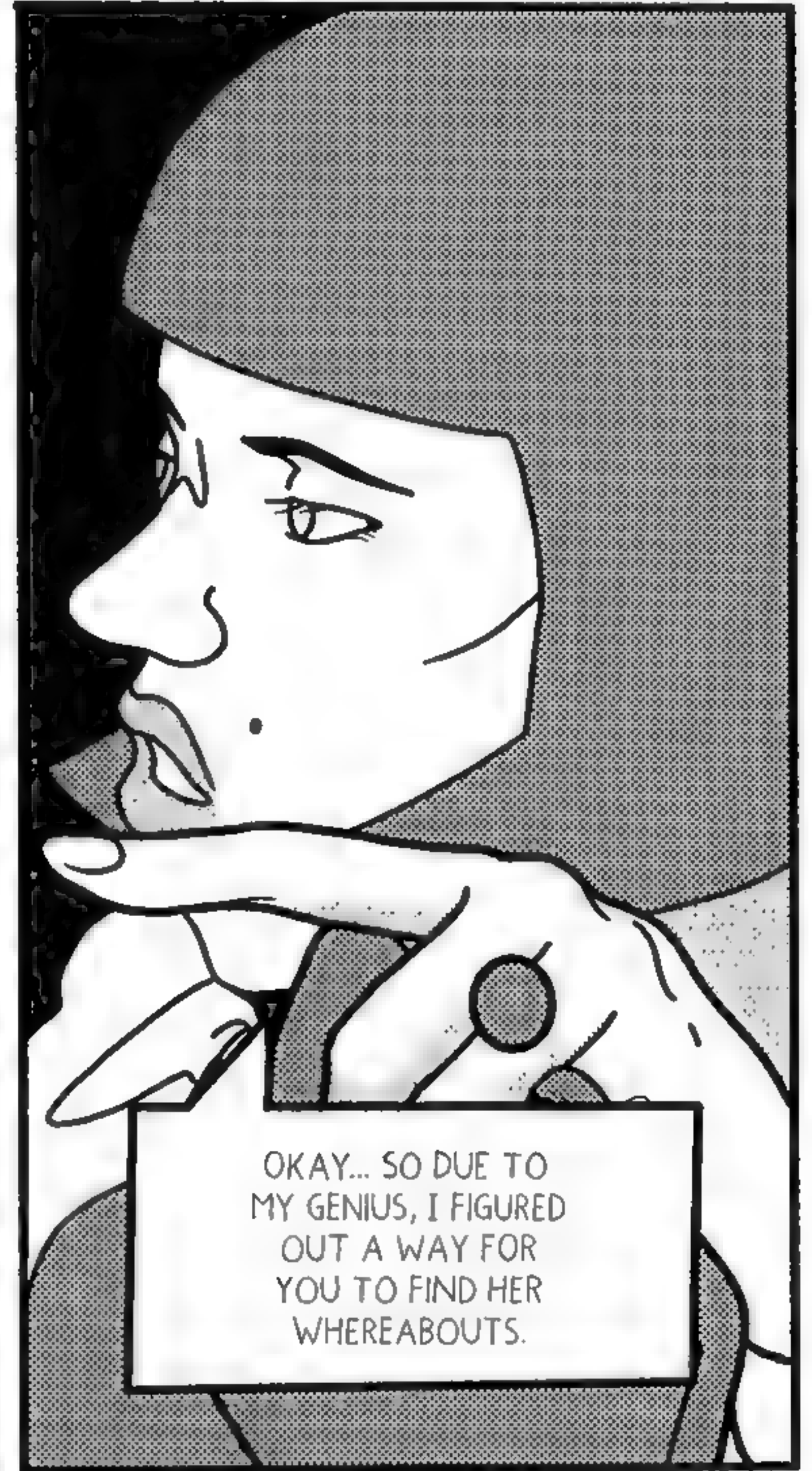


LET YOURSELF
IN WHY DON'T YOU.



WELL, YOU'VE BEEN
BUGGIN' MY PEACE--
DON'T YOU WANNA
FIND ARWEN?

OF COURSE--
DON'T ASK
DUMB QUESTIONS



OKAY... SO DUE TO
MY GENIUS, I FIGURED
OUT A WAY FOR
YOU TO FIND HER
WHEREABOUTS.



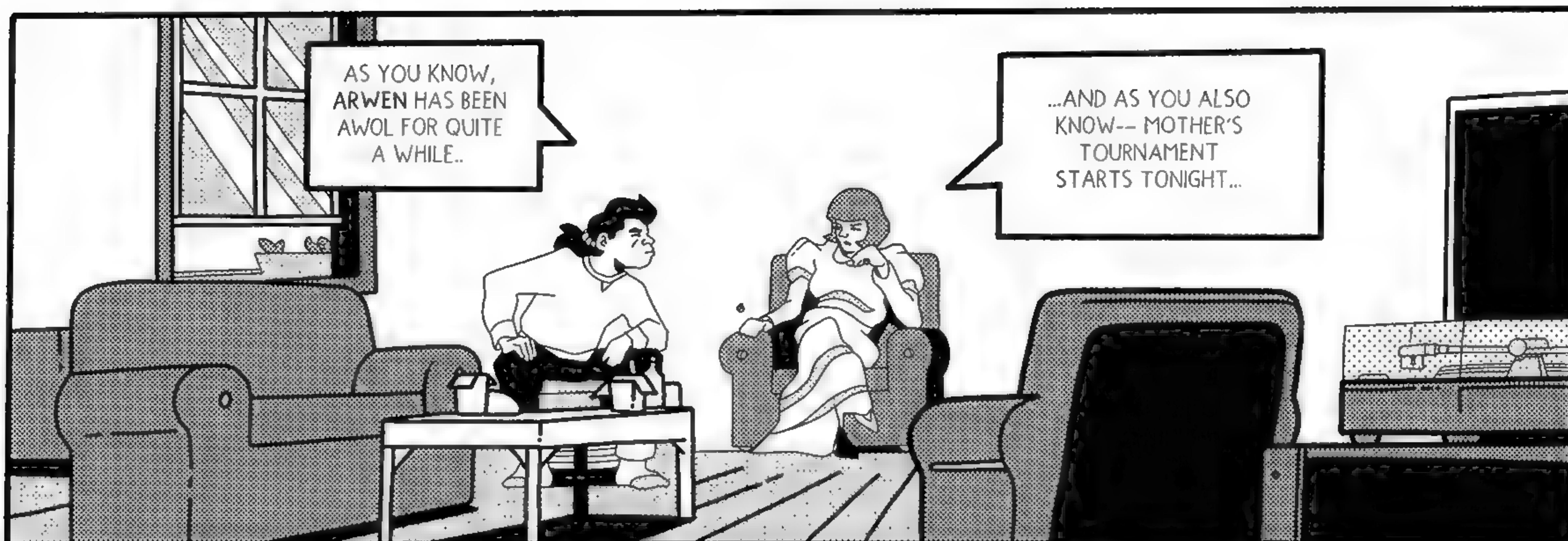
T-TALK
TO ME!

OII I'M A LADY--
GET YA HANDS
OFF ME



SORRY..

...PLEASE TELL
ME WHAT YOU
KNOW, IRON
PALMS.



AS YOU KNOW,
ARWEN HAS BEEN
AWOL FOR QUITE
A WHILE..

...AND AS YOU ALSO
KNOW-- MOTHER'S
TOURNAMENT
STARTS TONIGHT...



...AT THE SANCTUARY OF
SAGES-- GOD I'M SO
JEALOUS OF THEM
LOVELY MAIDENS...

...NO MATTER
HOW MANY TIMES
I APPLY, I ALWAYS
GET REJECTED FROM
THAT HOUSE..
THIS OUTRIDER LIFE
IS WAY TOO
STRESSFUL.



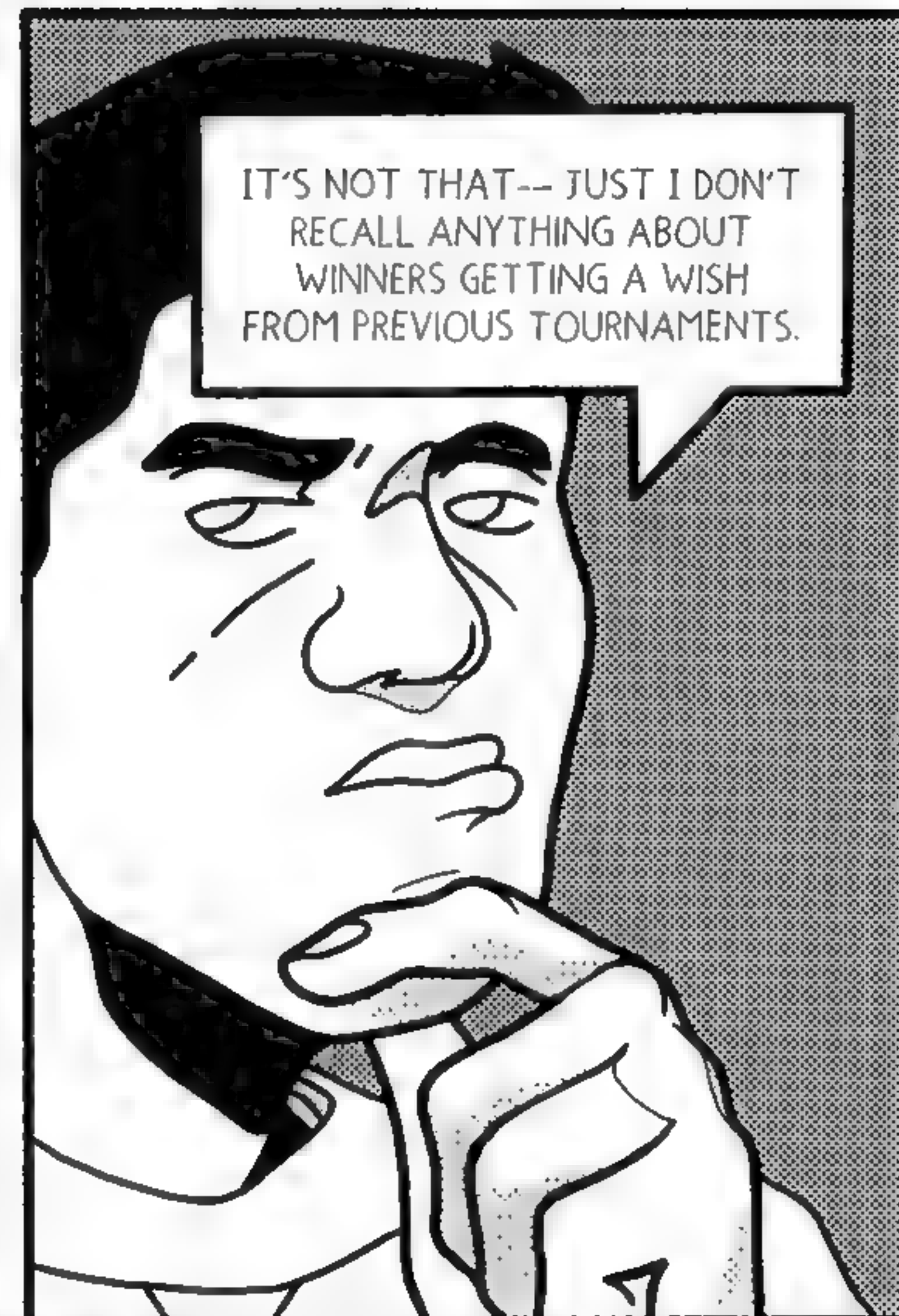
ANYHOO,
RUMOR HAS IT
THAT THE
HEAD MOTHER..
UGH! SHE'S
SUPPOSED TO--

"YADDA YADDA
YADDA-- CAN
YOU SPEED
THIS UP?"



BOTTOM LINE IS
THIS-- BY TRADITION
THE TOURNAMENT
WINNER IS GRANTED
ONE WISH...


...A SPECIAL WISH
ONE CAN USE
FOR ANYTHING
--JUST NOT
RAISING THE
DEAD OF COURSE.



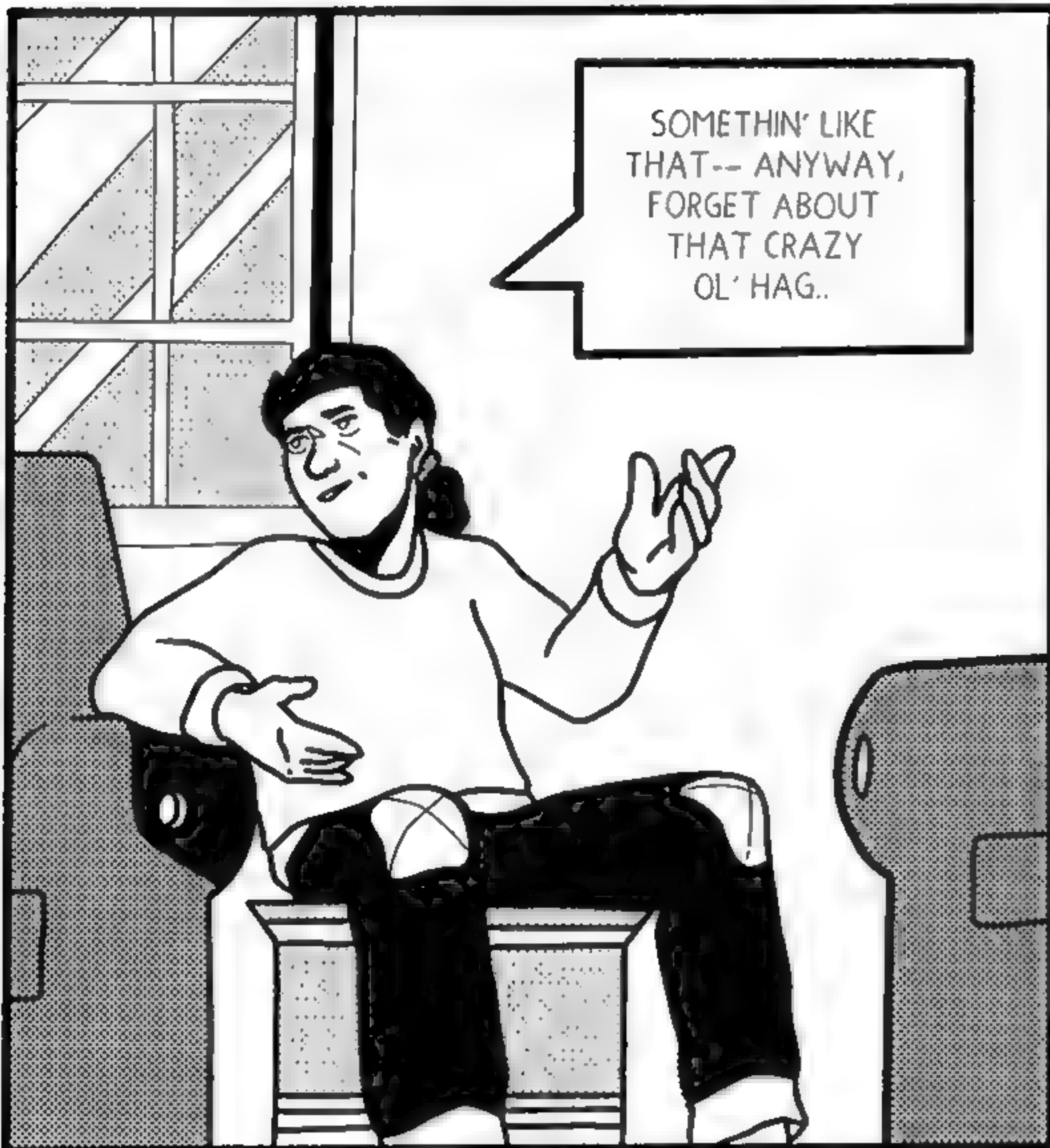
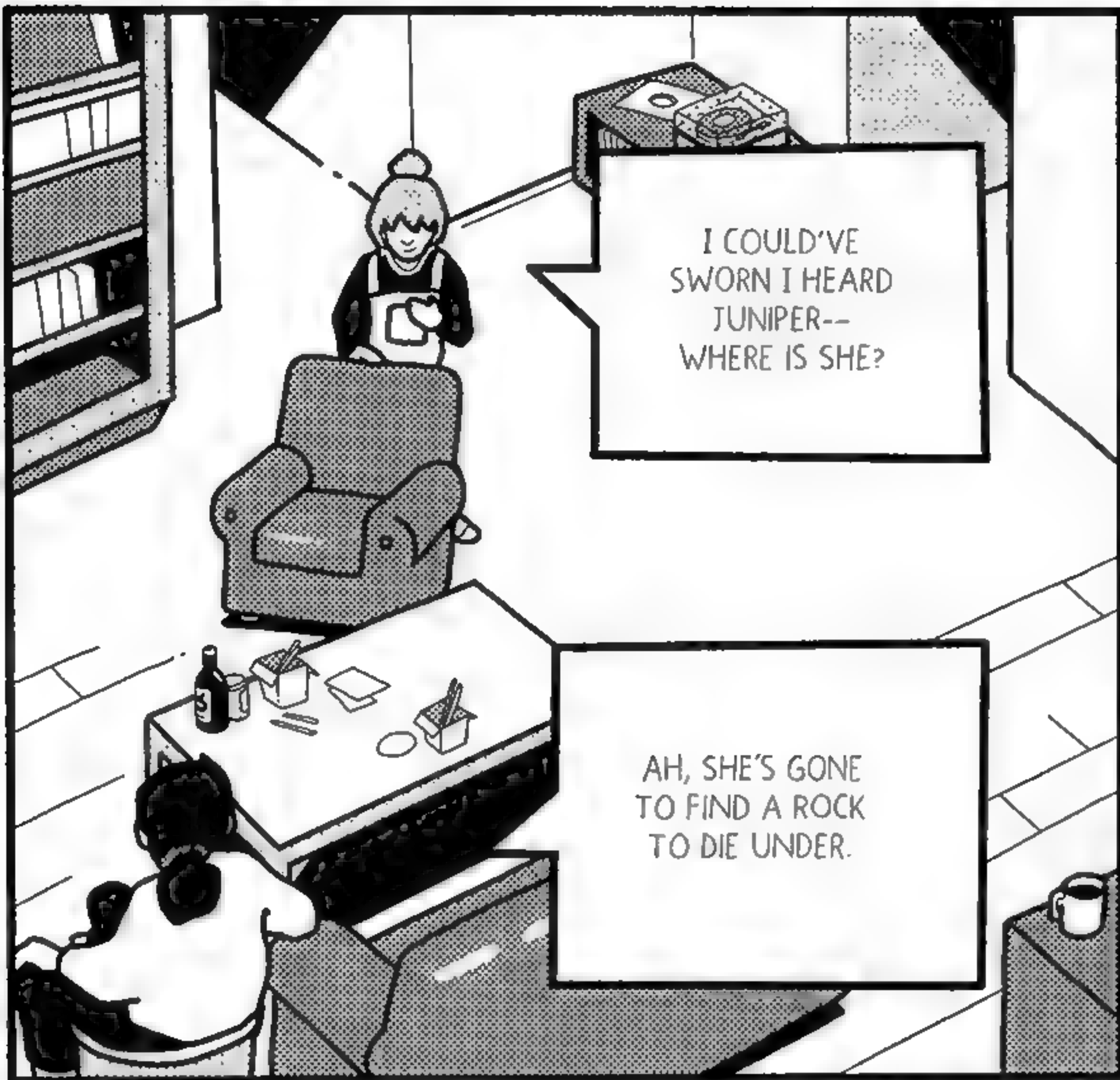


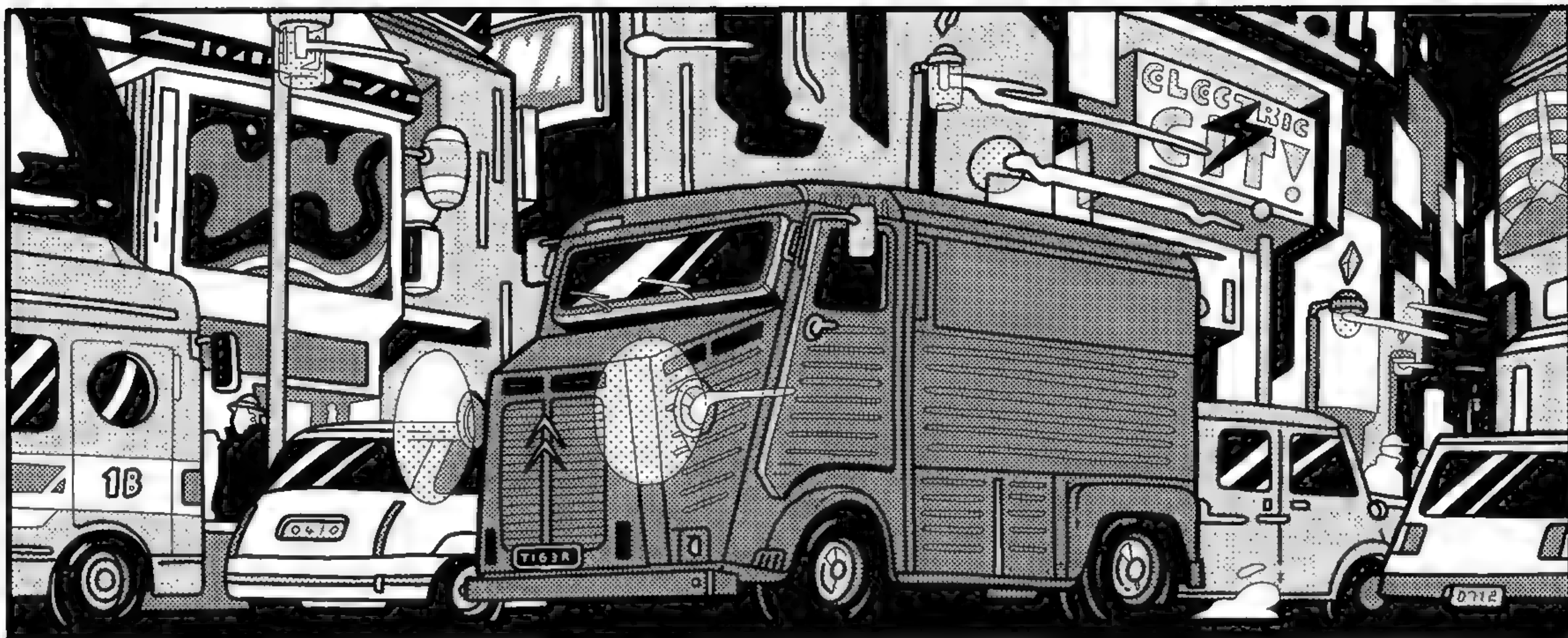


--URGH! THE CHEEK
DIRTY, ROTTEN SCOUNDREL...

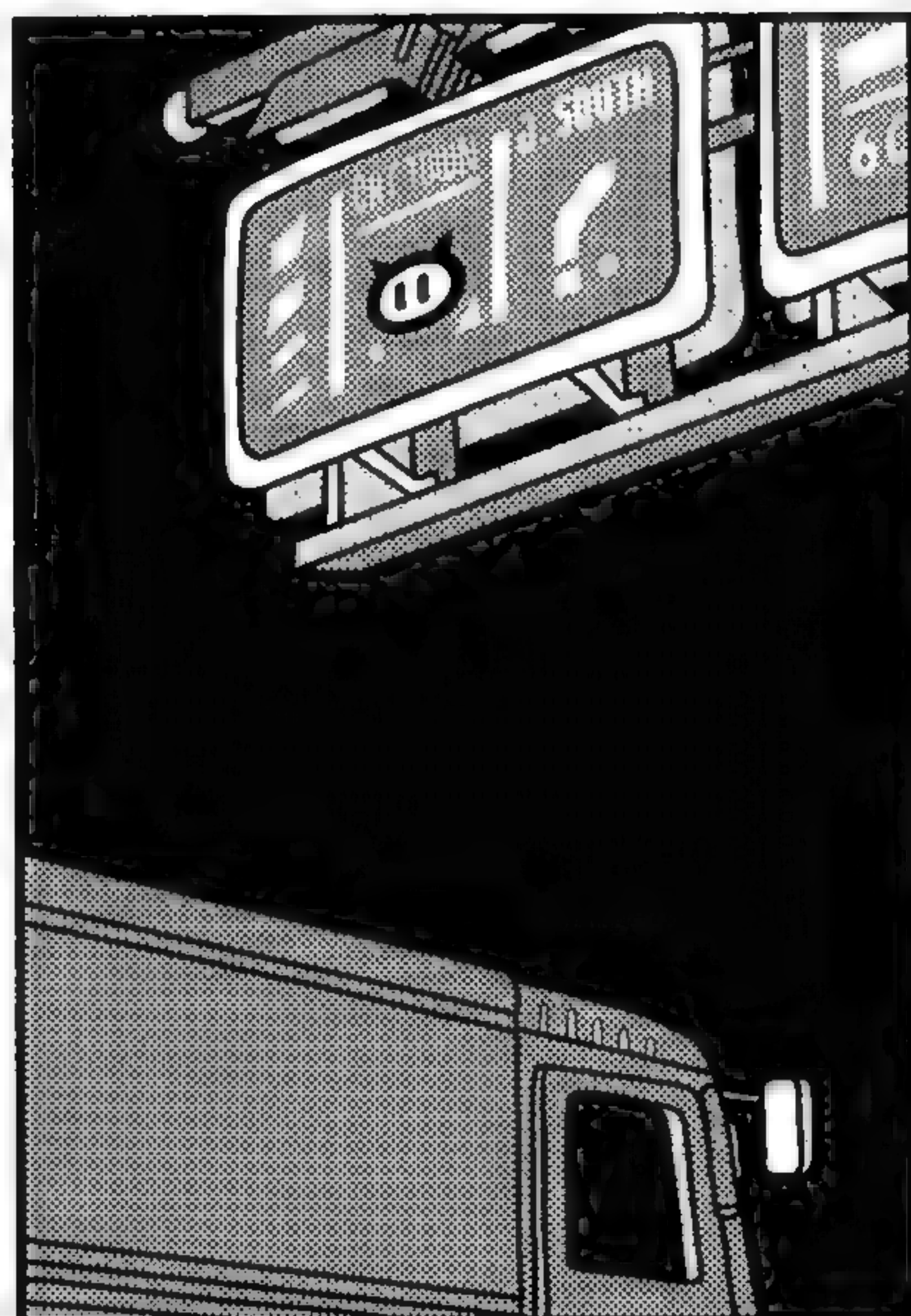


AFTER ALL THAT,
YOU STILL TREAT ME WITH
DISRESPECT-- IMBECILE,
I HOPE YOU LOSE.





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SO, WHAT'S
THE ISSUE DOWN
SOUTH, RUBI?



DIDN'T YOU
READ THE
FILE?



DON'T
WORRY, DRUDO,
HE NEVER DOES!



WHY WOULD I?
WHEN I'VE GOT
YOU HERE AS MY
ASSISTANT.



WHATEVER--WELL...
APPARENTLY A CREW
OF VIPERS HAVE TAKEN
OVER ONE OF THE FACILITY
MINES, WHERE THEY'VE BEEN
HARVESTING PRECIOUS
ORBS AND CRYSTALS,
AND IT'S CAUSING A WHOLE
HEAP OF PROBLEMS
FOR LOCALS

KINDA WISH
WE HAD JUNIPER
AROUND, HER
KNOWLEDGE RUNS
DEEP WHEN IT
COMES TO CRYSTAL
PROPERTIES



LISTEN, DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE TECHNICALITIES-- WE'RE GONNA GO VISIT AN OLD FRIEND WHO'S A RESIDENT CAT THROUGH AND THROUGH HE'LL FILL US IN ON WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON DOWN THERE.



HEEEY! IS KUNO ABOUT? TELL 'IM RINGO'S HERE



AH, Y'ALL ARE YOUNG CATS, EH?

"RINGO! IS THAT YOU?!"



LONG TIME
NO SEE...

...WHAT BRINGS
YOU DOWN
TO THIS NECK
OF THE WOODS?



VIPER
BUSINESS



O-OH OF
COURSE--
IN THAT CASE
LET'S TALK
IN MY OFFICE



THIS PLACE HAS A
WEIRD VIBE, RINGO.
W-what's up
with their faces?

YEAH, JUST
TRY NOT TO
STARE-- YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND WHY
SOMEDAY, IF NOT
LATER TONIGHT.



SOOO, YEAH, I KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE AND I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S NOT TO PAY OFF YOUR OUTSTANDING TAB

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO BE BLUNT HERE-- YOU'LL NEED MORE THAN 2.5 PEOPLE TO STOP THE VIPERS AT THE FACILITY MINE.



DID HE JUST CALL YOU HALF A MAN?

NO NEED TO BRING UP THE PAST, EH? AND I FIGURED AS SUCH, BUT WE JUST NEED INFO AND MAYBE A FEW OF YOUR MEN, PERHAPS?



OKAY, WELL ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN, YOU SEE THE VIPERS NEED CRYSTALS AND AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF THE STUFF HERE IN THE SOUTH, SO THEY TOOK OVER THE MINES-- BREAKING THE TREATY BETWEEN THE HOUSES.

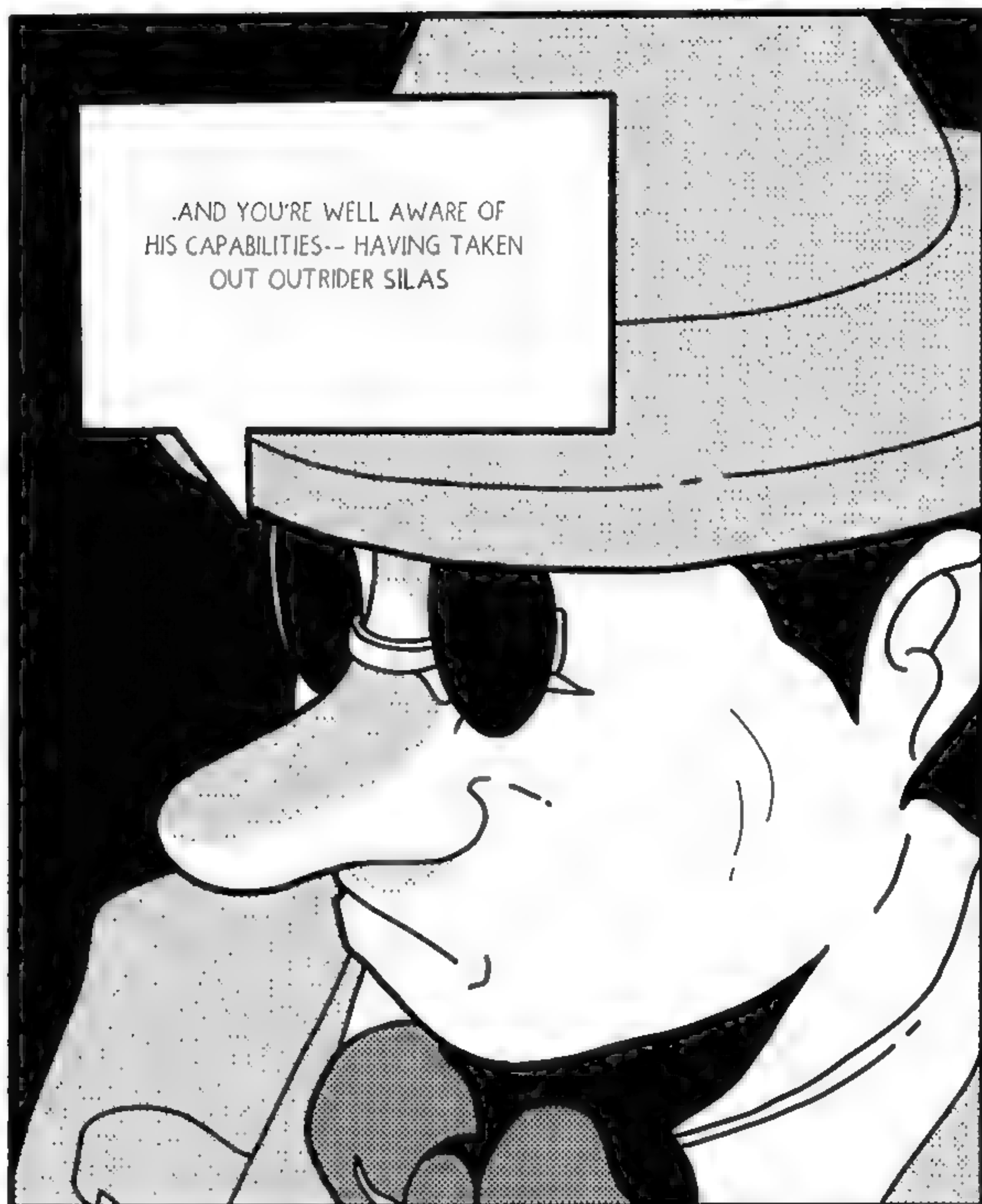
NOW THE QUESTION IS WHY, RIGHT? WELL IT'S QUITE SIMPLE-- THEY'VE DISCOVERED A WAY TO HARNESS THE CRYSTALS..



TO CREATE AN
ARMY OF-- DARE I SAY IT--
"SUPERHUMANS."



MY SPIES HAVE ALSO
DISCOVERED A LAB
SETUP WITHIN THE
MINES SO FAR WE
KNOW THEY'VE ONLY
MANAGED TO CREATE
ONE SUCCESSFUL
CANDIDATE..

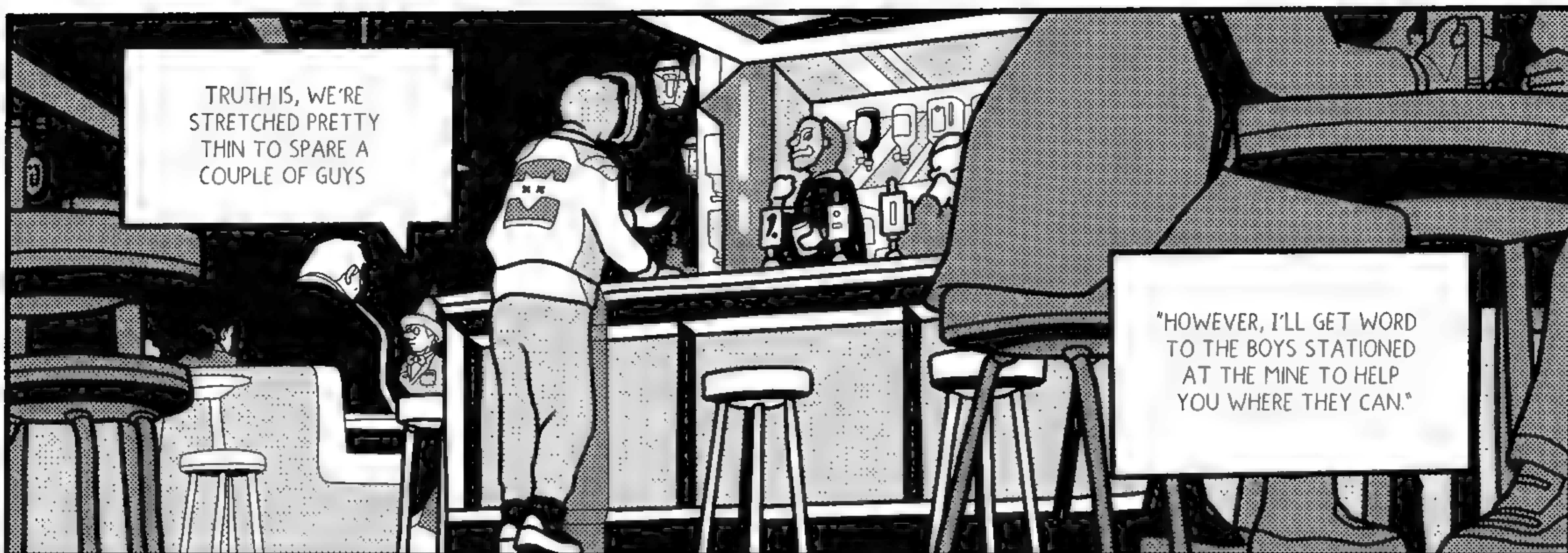


.AND YOU'RE WELL AWARE OF
HIS CAPABILITIES-- HAVING TAKEN
OUT OUTRIDER SILAS



YOUNG GUNN,
MY CONDOLENCES
FOR YOUR LOSS





TRUTH IS, WE'RE
STRETCHED PRETTY
THIN TO SPARE A
COUPLE OF GUYS

"HOWEVER, I'LL GET WORD
TO THE BOYS STATIONED
AT THE MINE TO HELP
YOU WHERE THEY CAN."



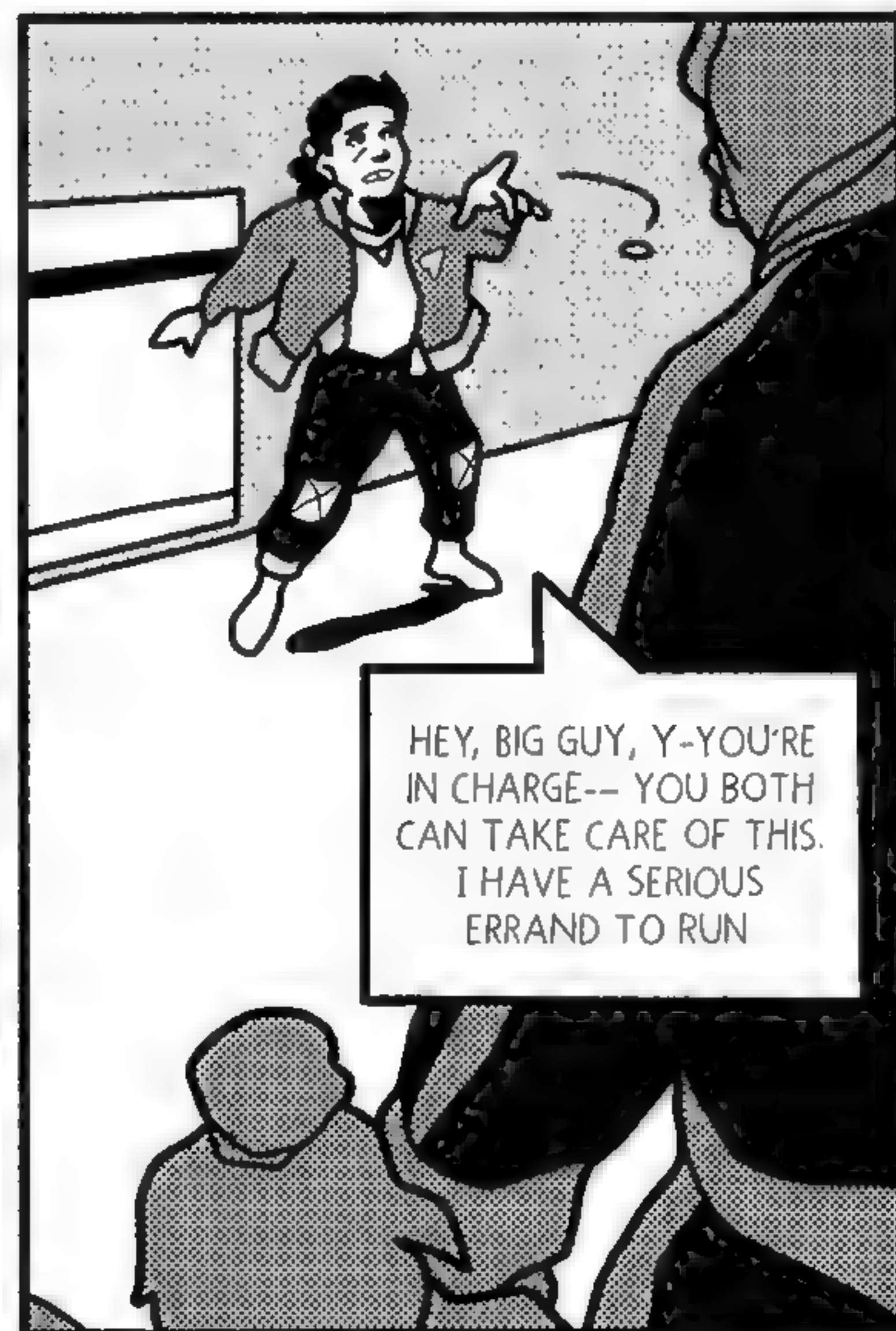
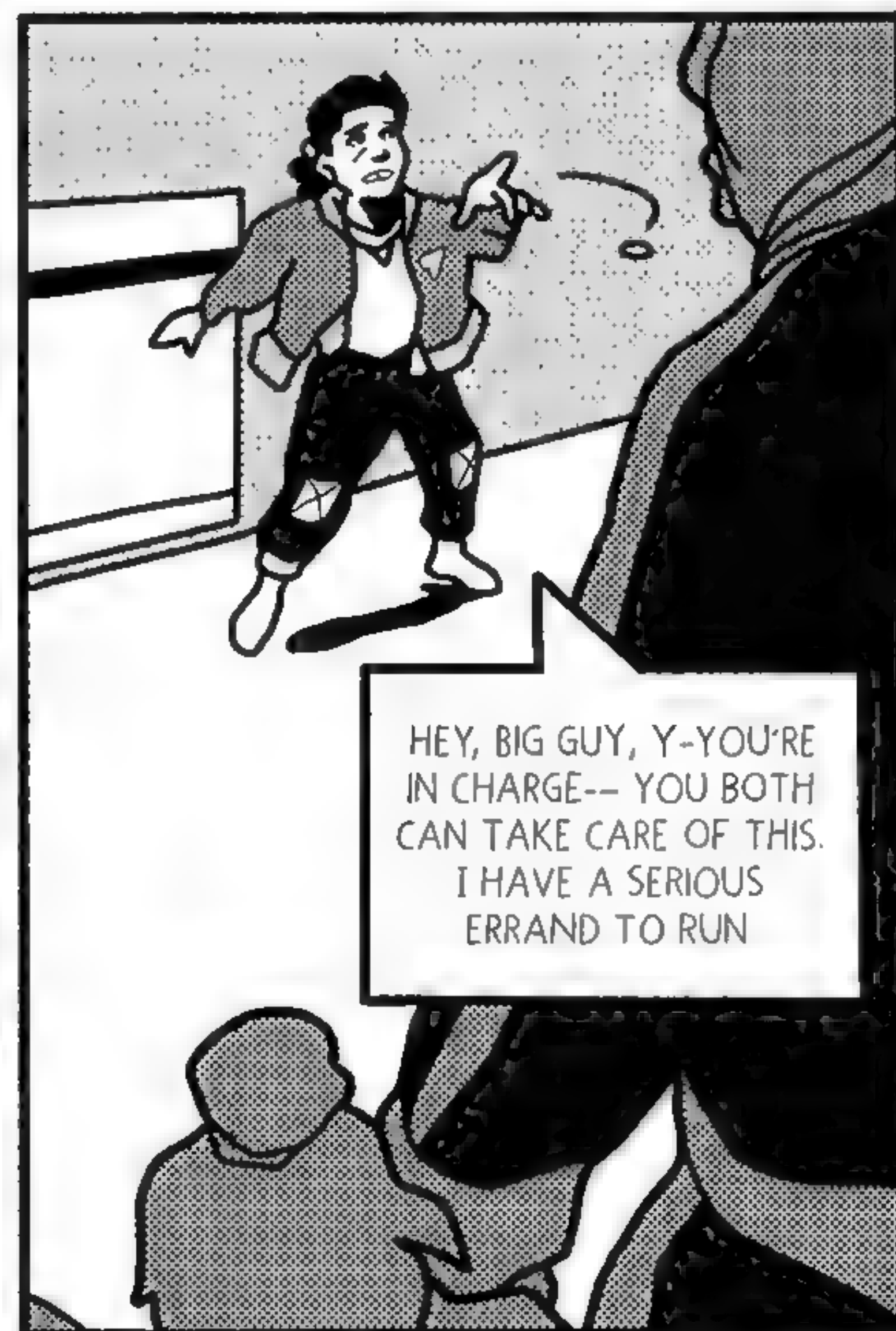
FAIR ENOUGH,
ANY KINDA HELP
WILL DO

WE'LL LEAVE
IN THE NEXT HOUR--



SAY WHAT? AREN'T
YOU GUYS GONNA STAY
AND WATCH THE OPENING
CEREMONY?

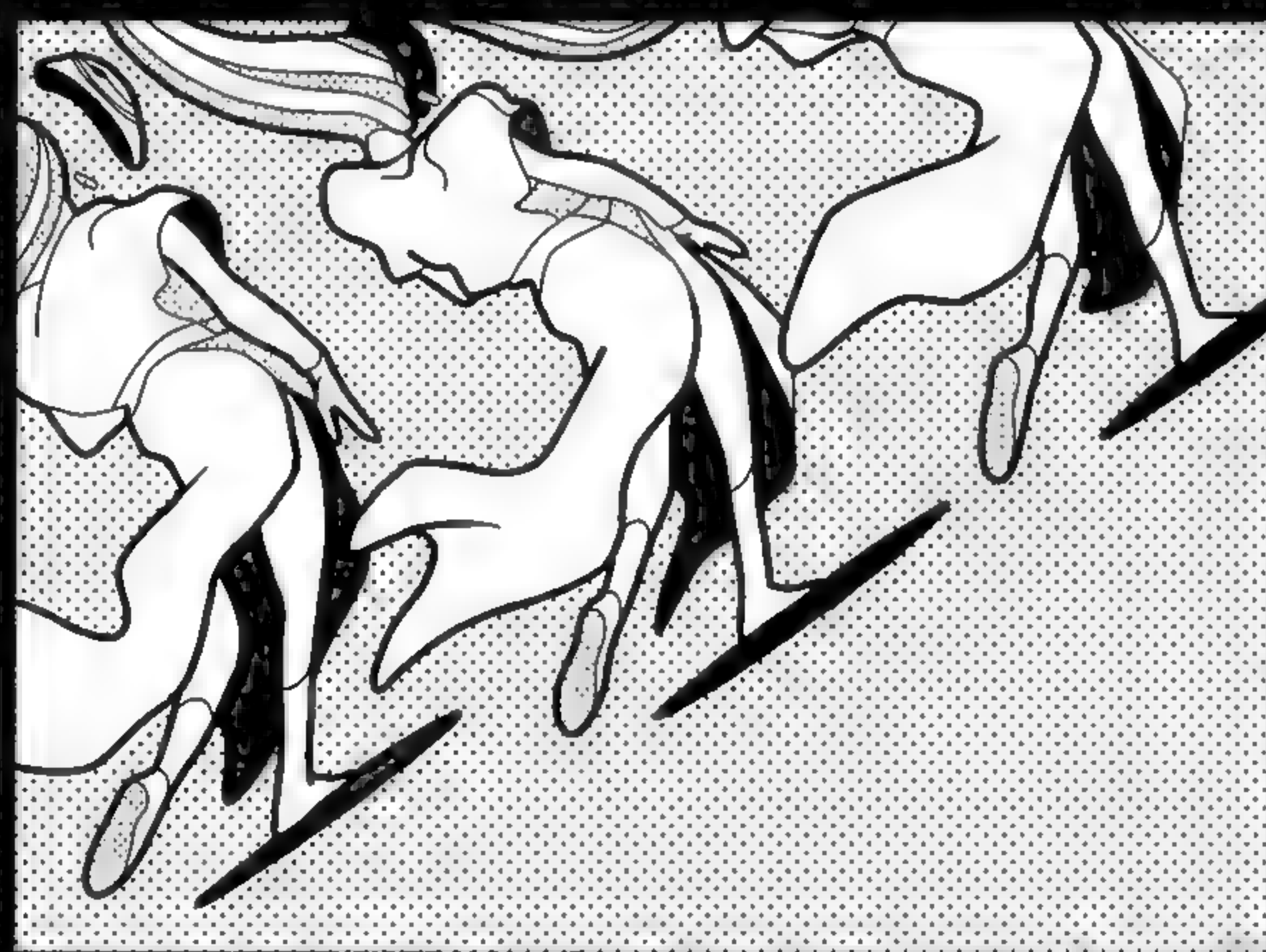
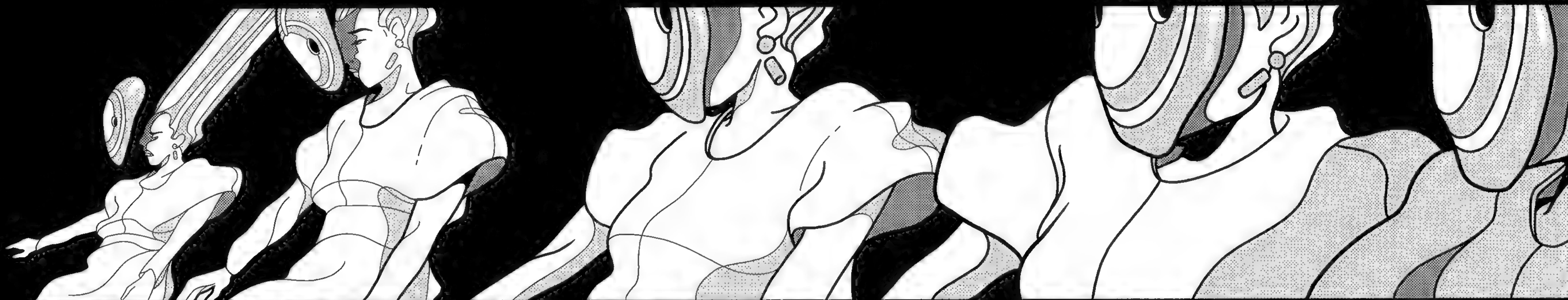
IT STARTS IN
LIKE AN HOUR.



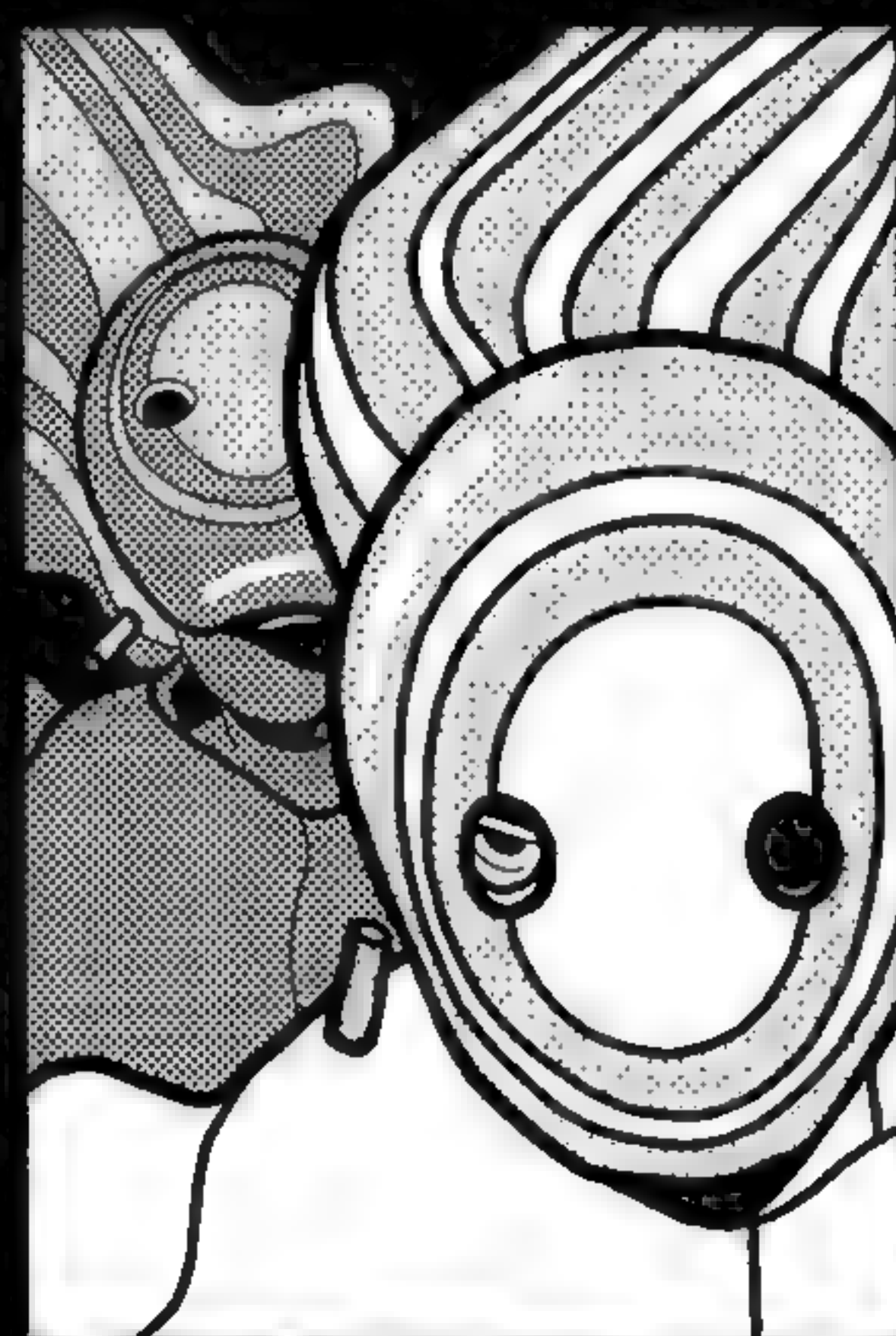


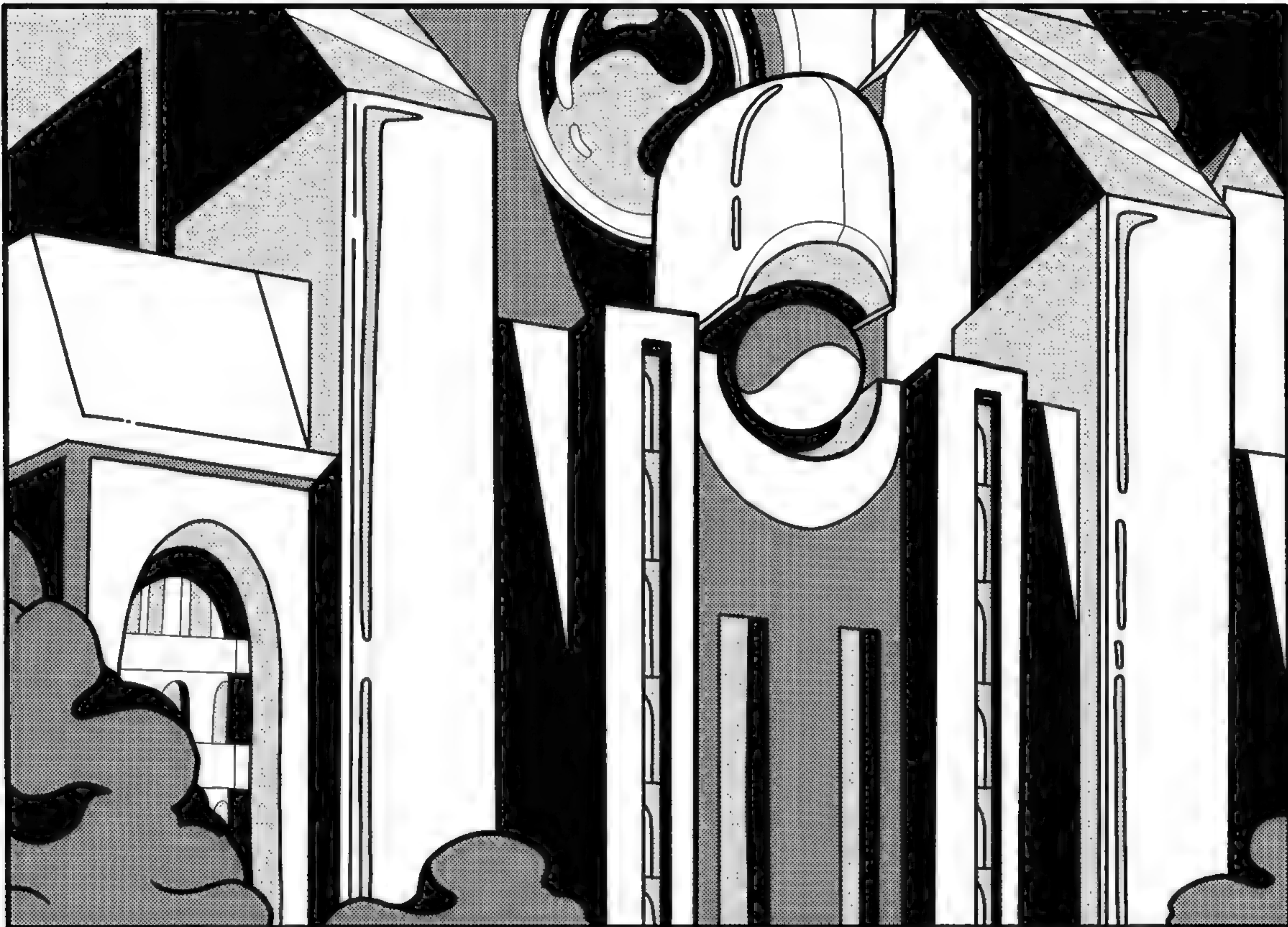


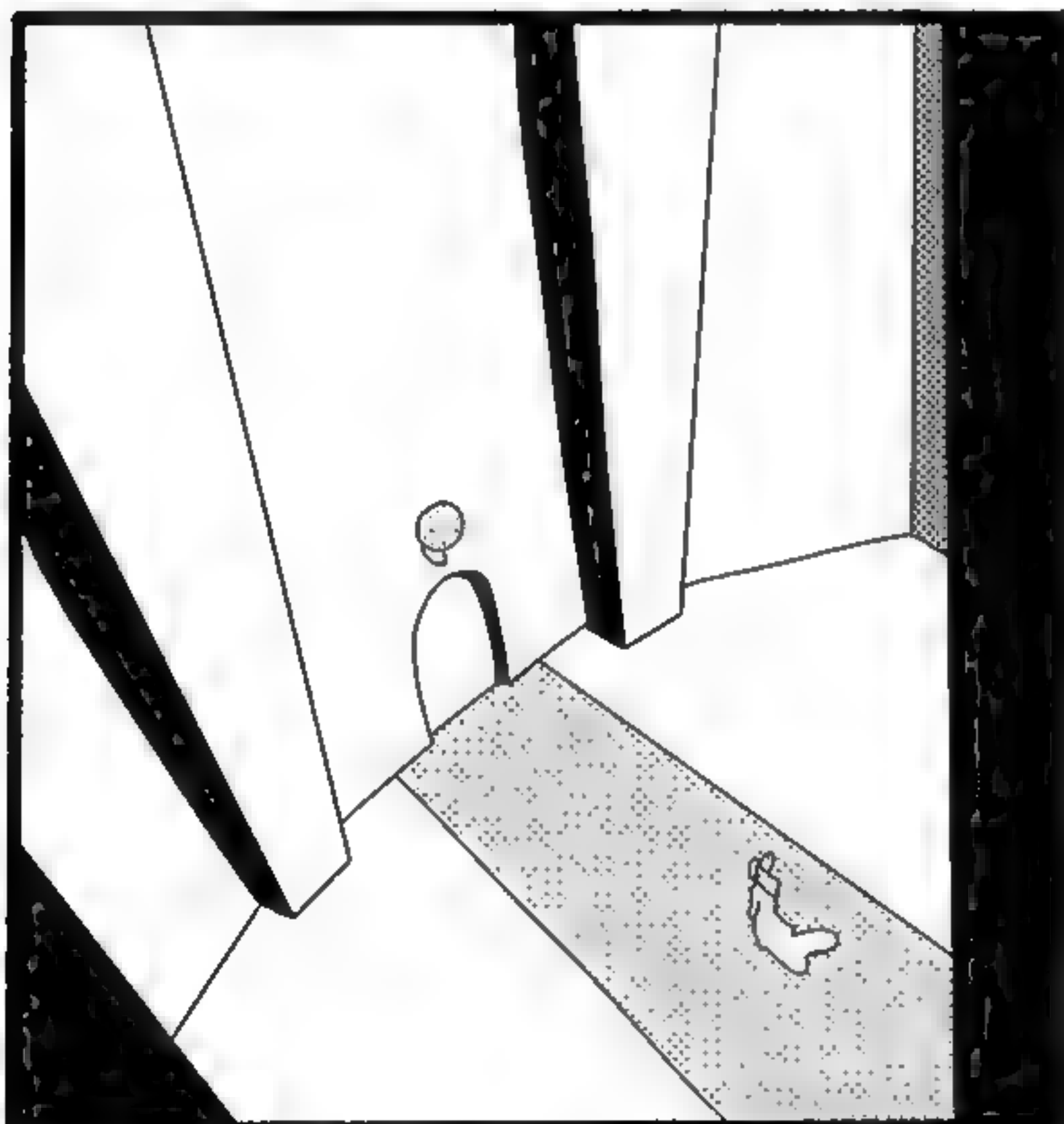
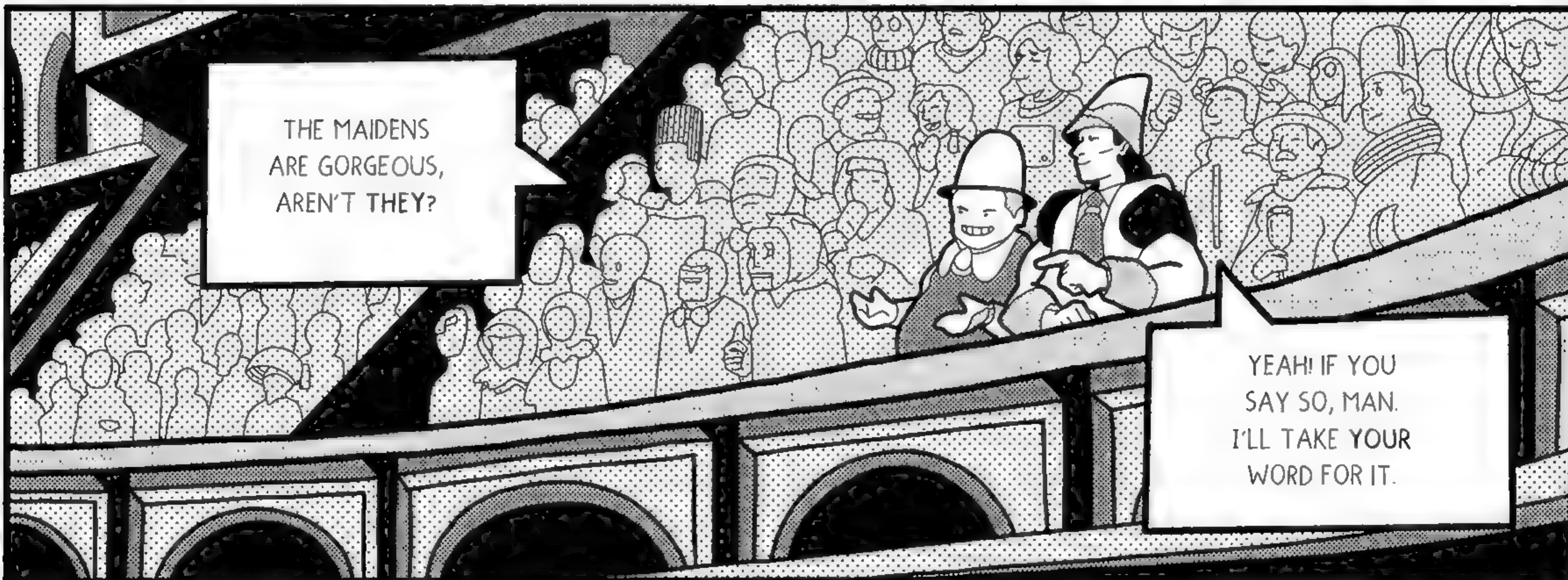
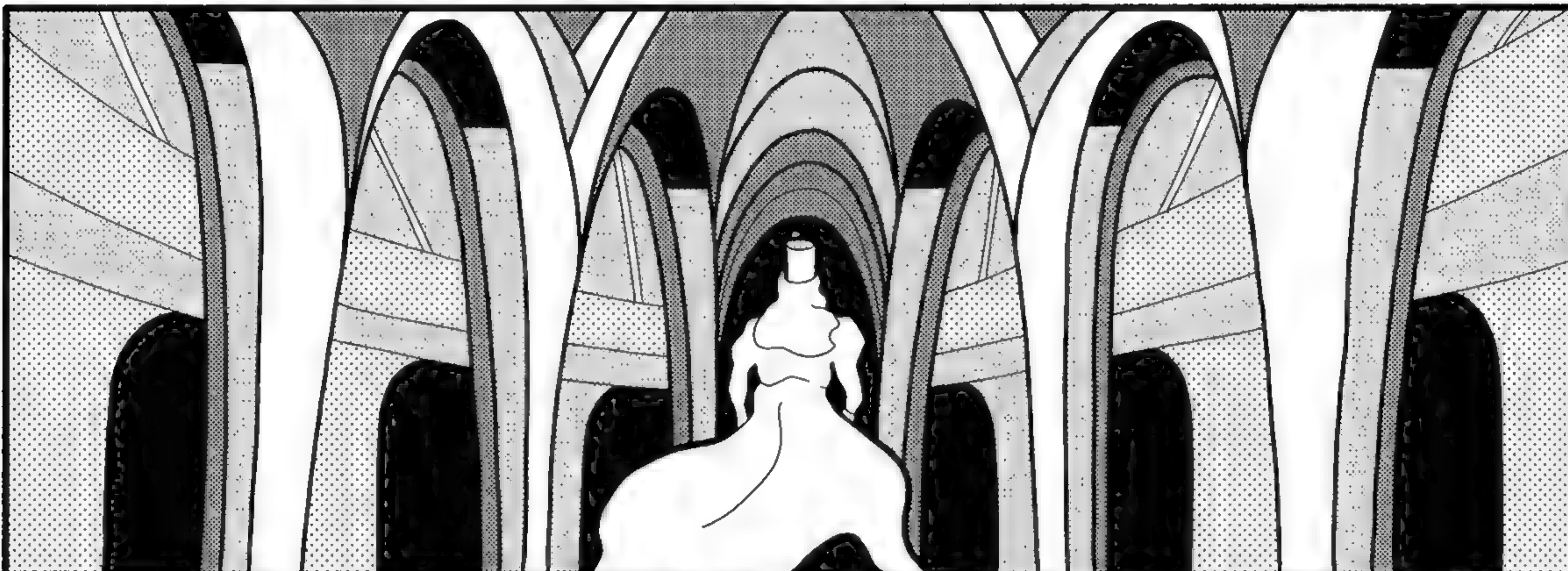


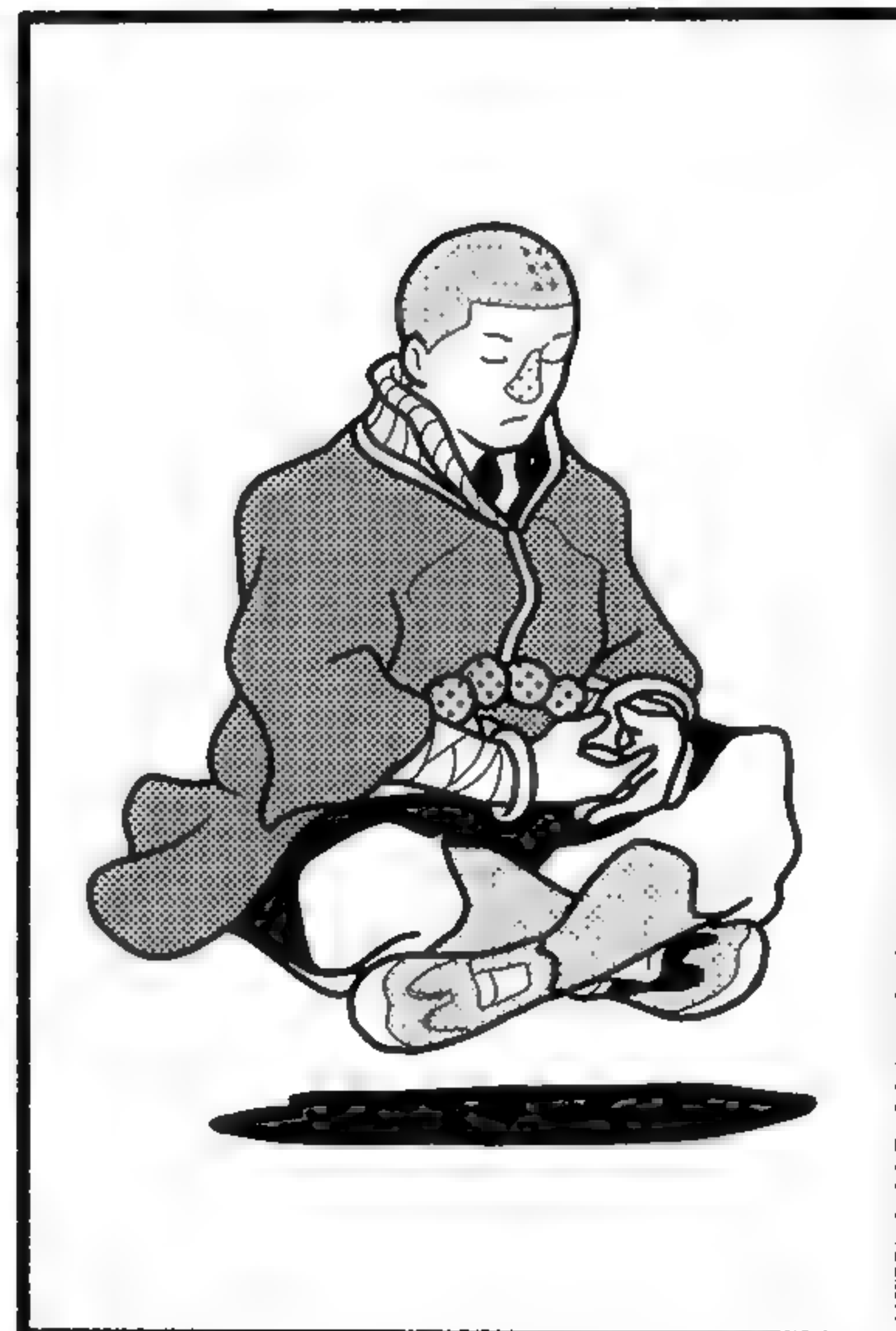
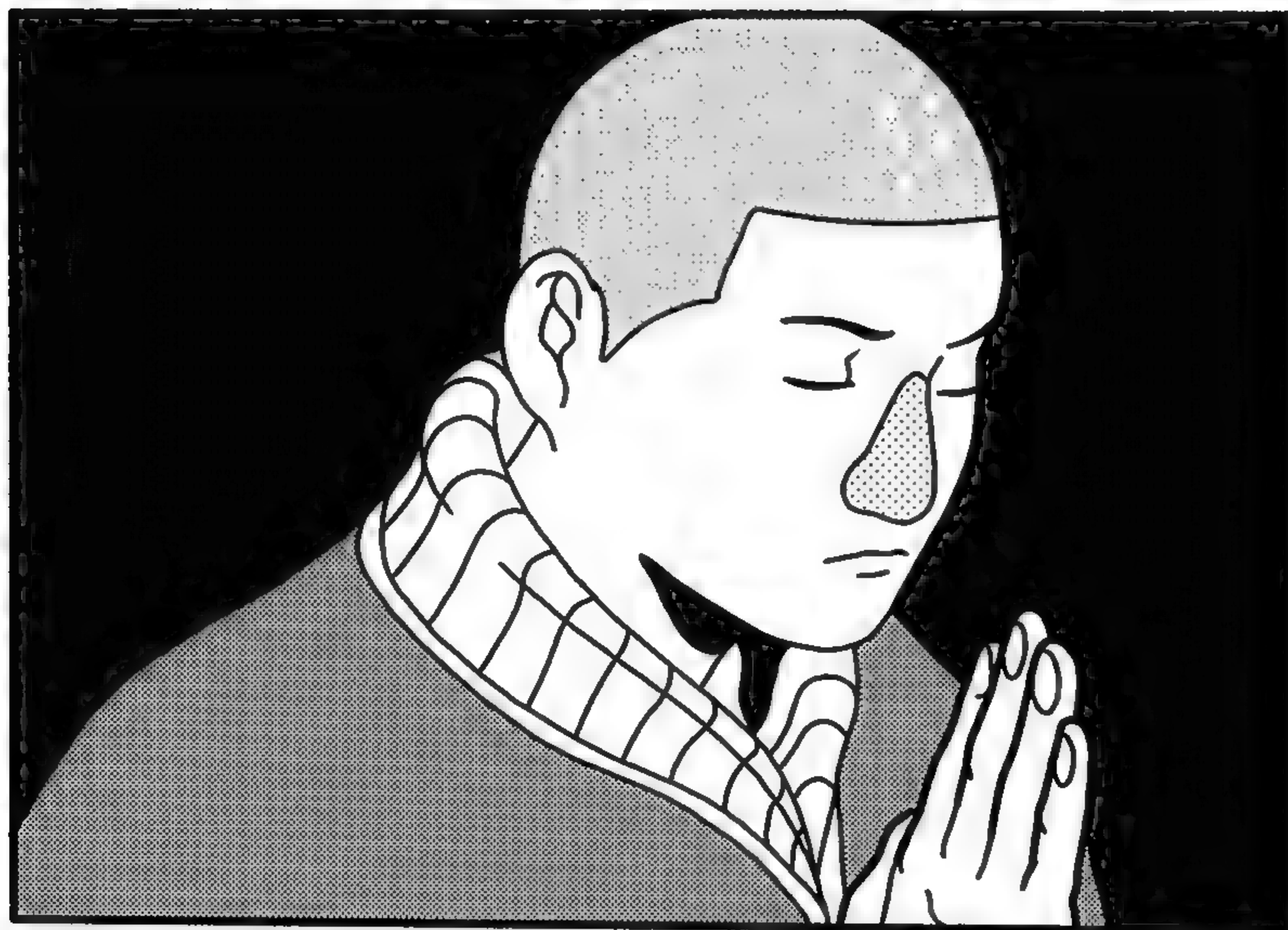


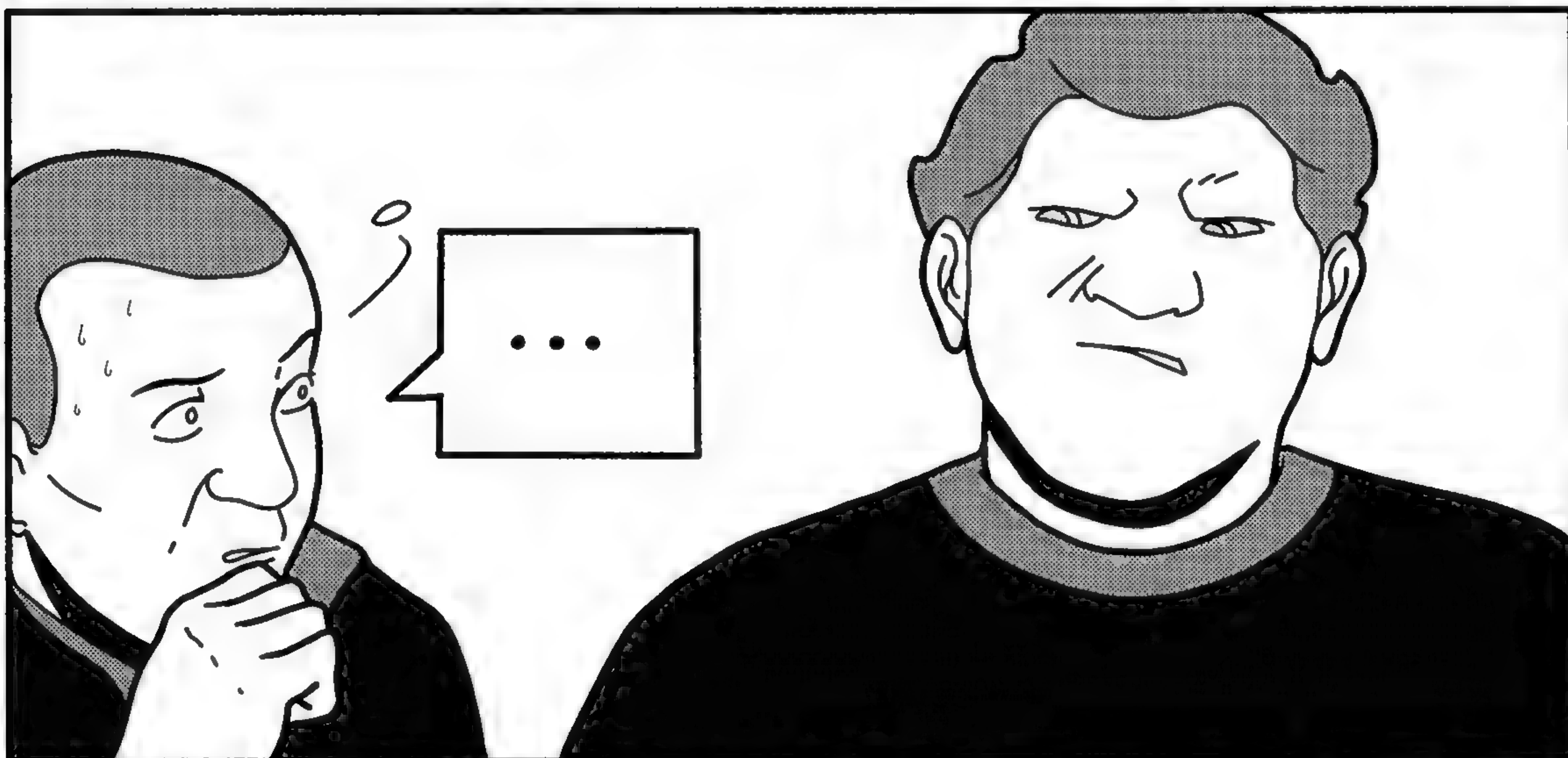
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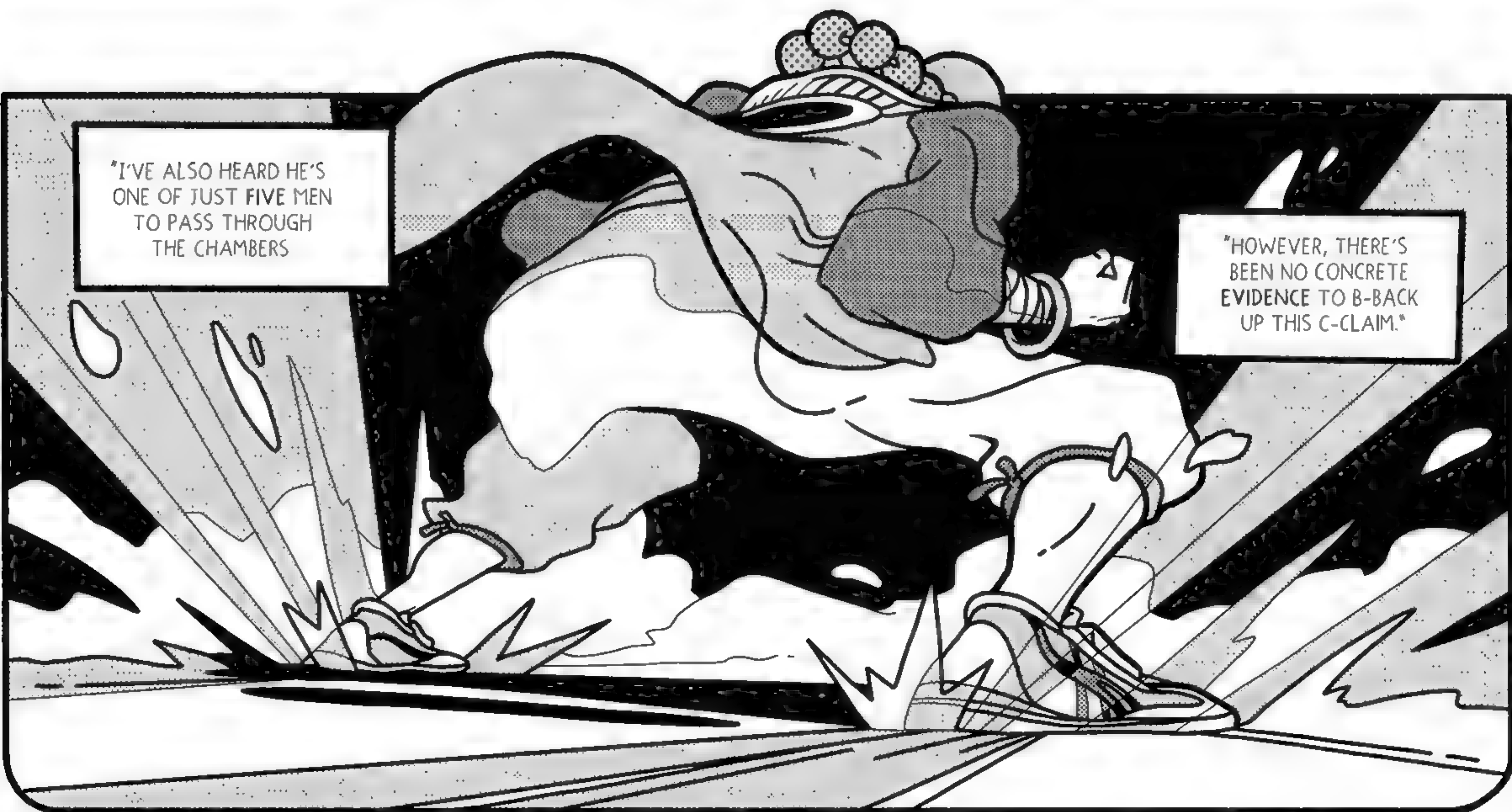
"...THEY SAY HE'S
THE MOST SKILLED FIGHTER,
VERY ASSURED, I-INDEED



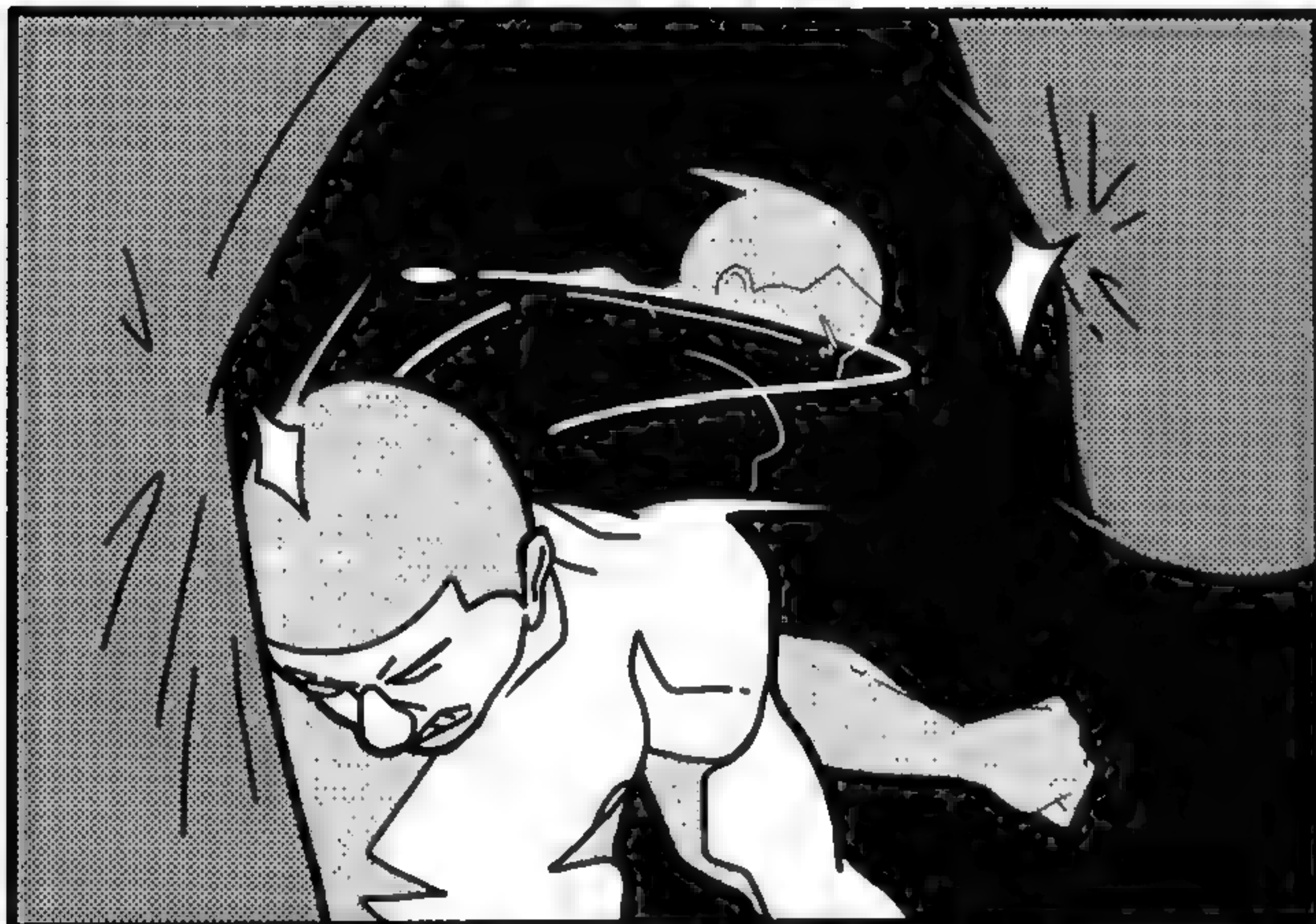
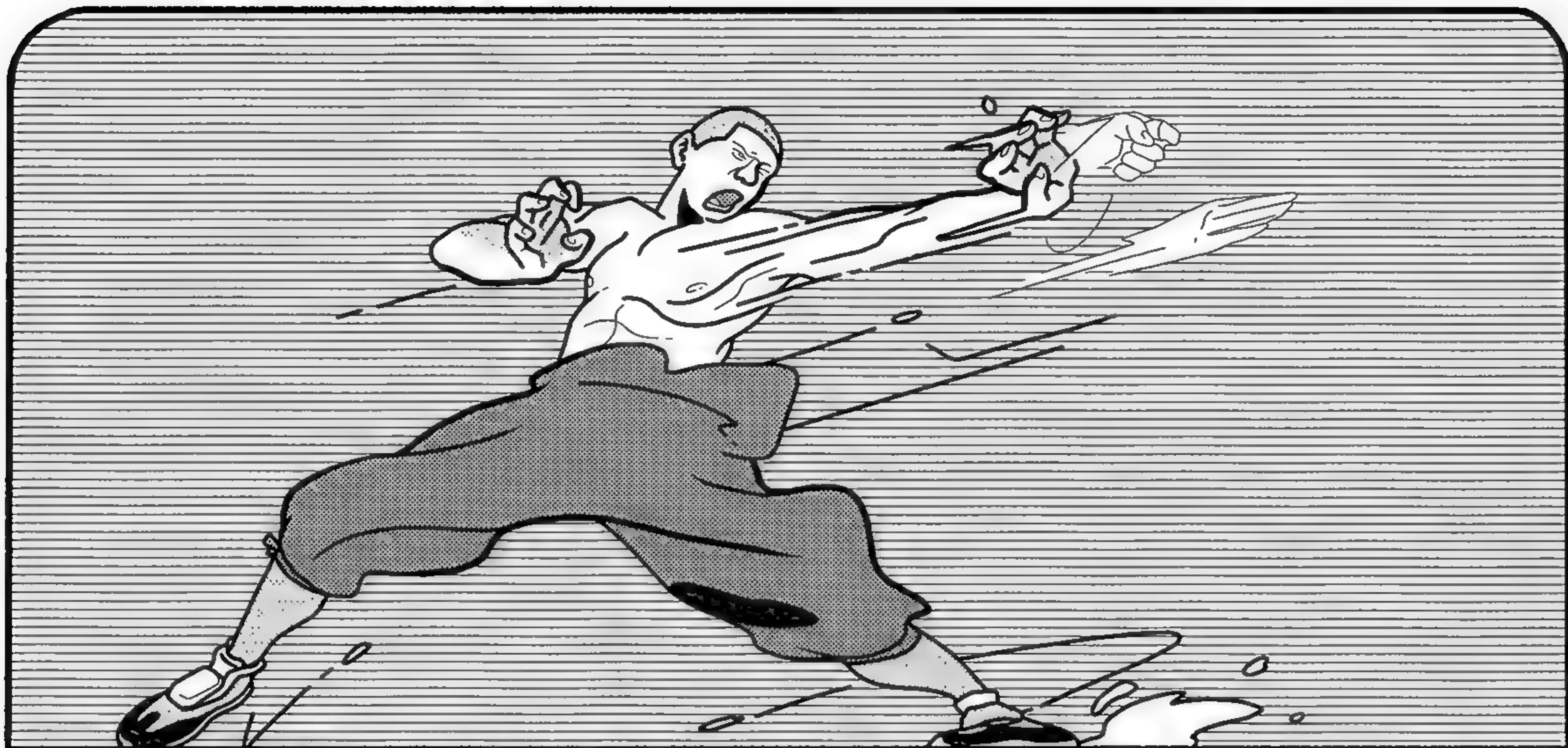
"A DEVOTED MAN OF FAITH
WHO TAKES HIS TRAINING
VERY SERIOUSLY

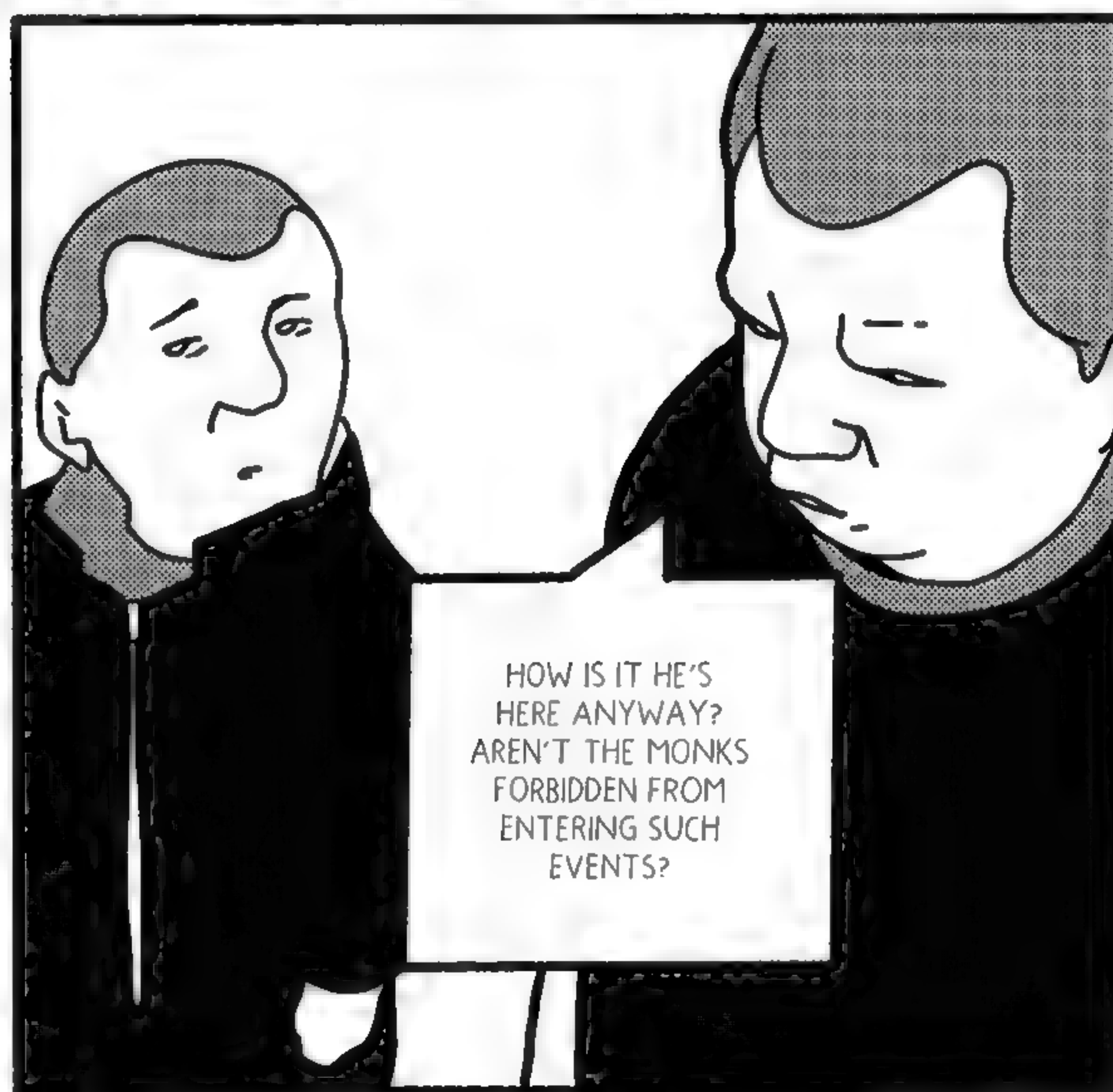


"I'VE ALSO HEARD HE'S
ONE OF JUST FIVE MEN
TO PASS THROUGH
THE CHAMBERS

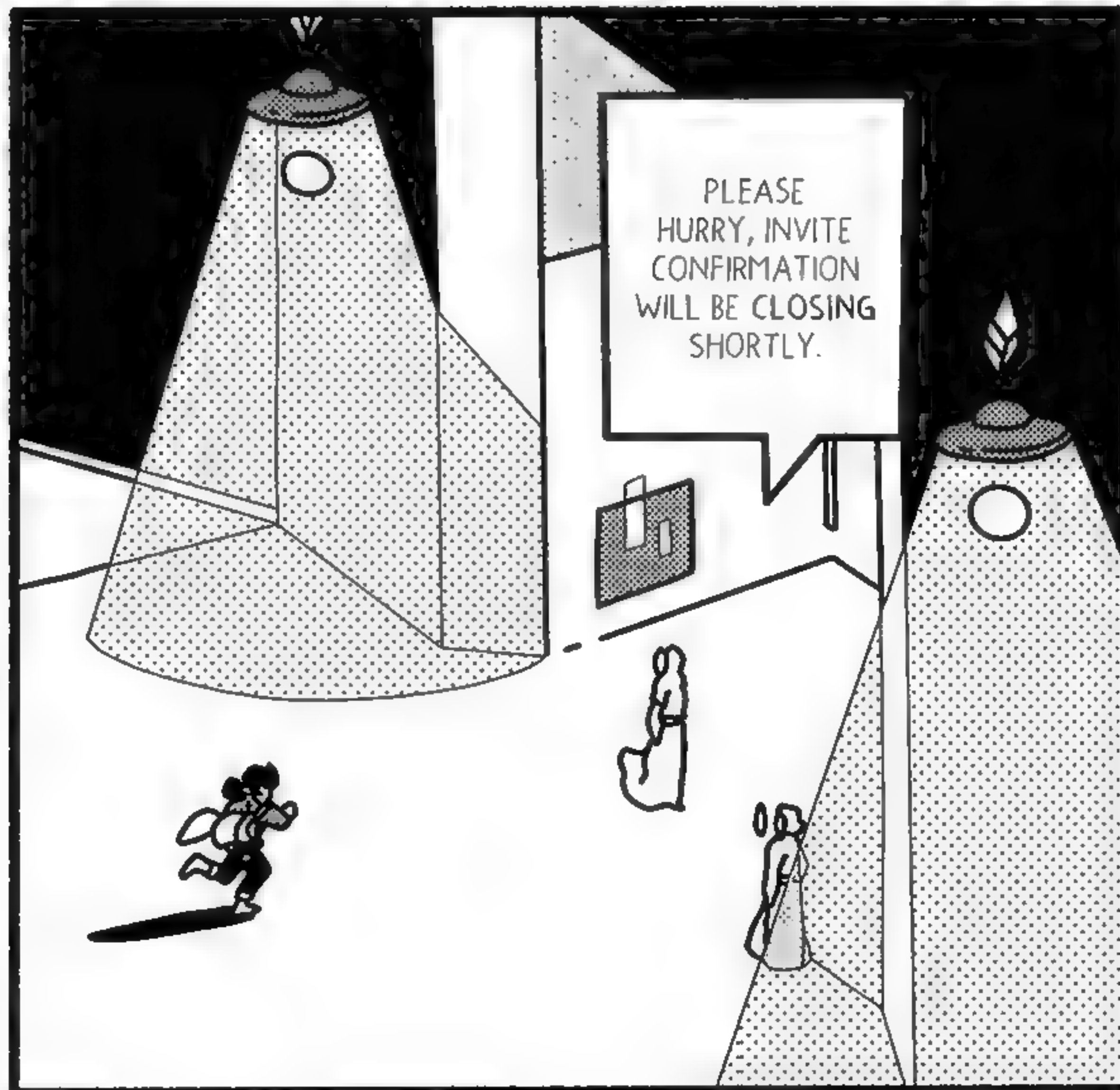
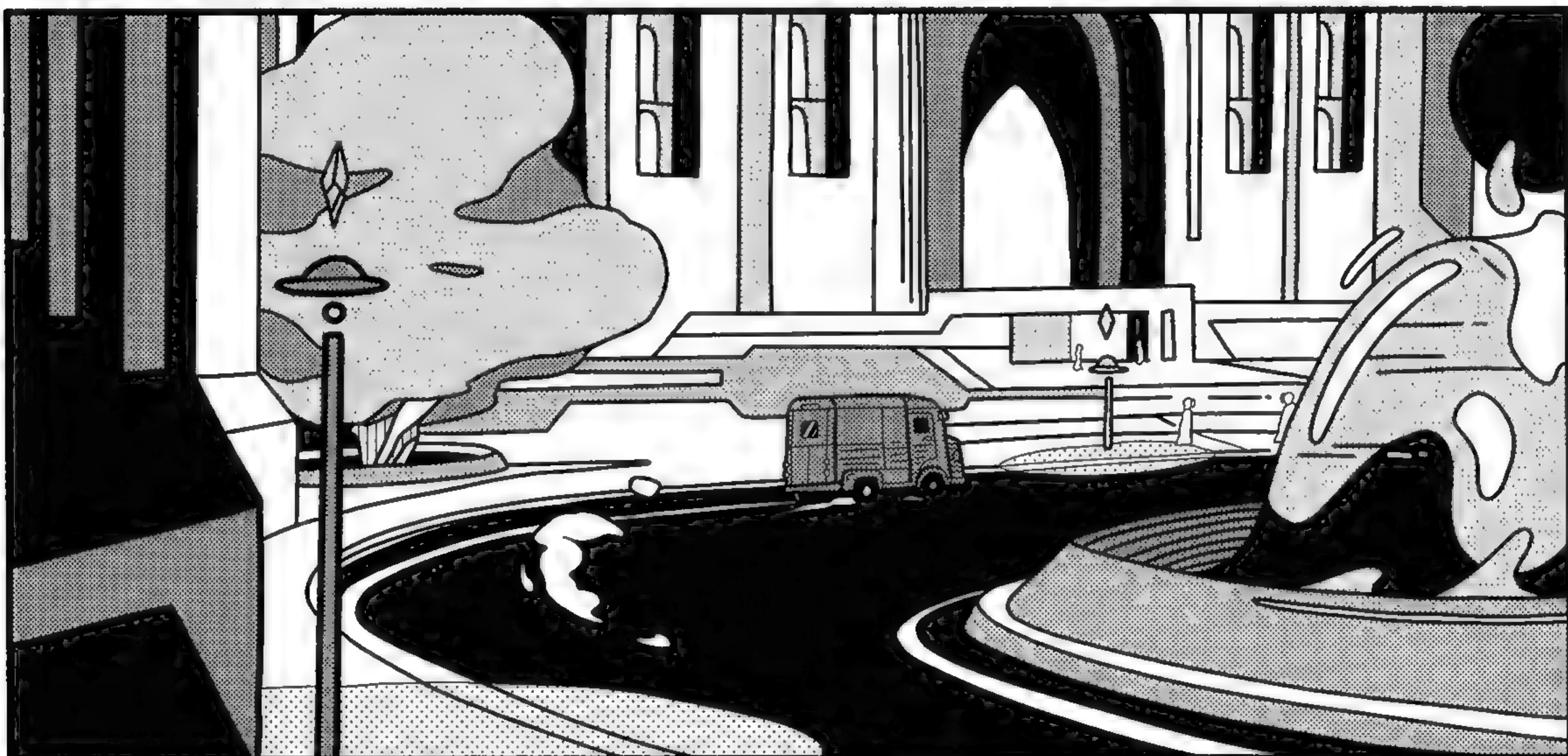


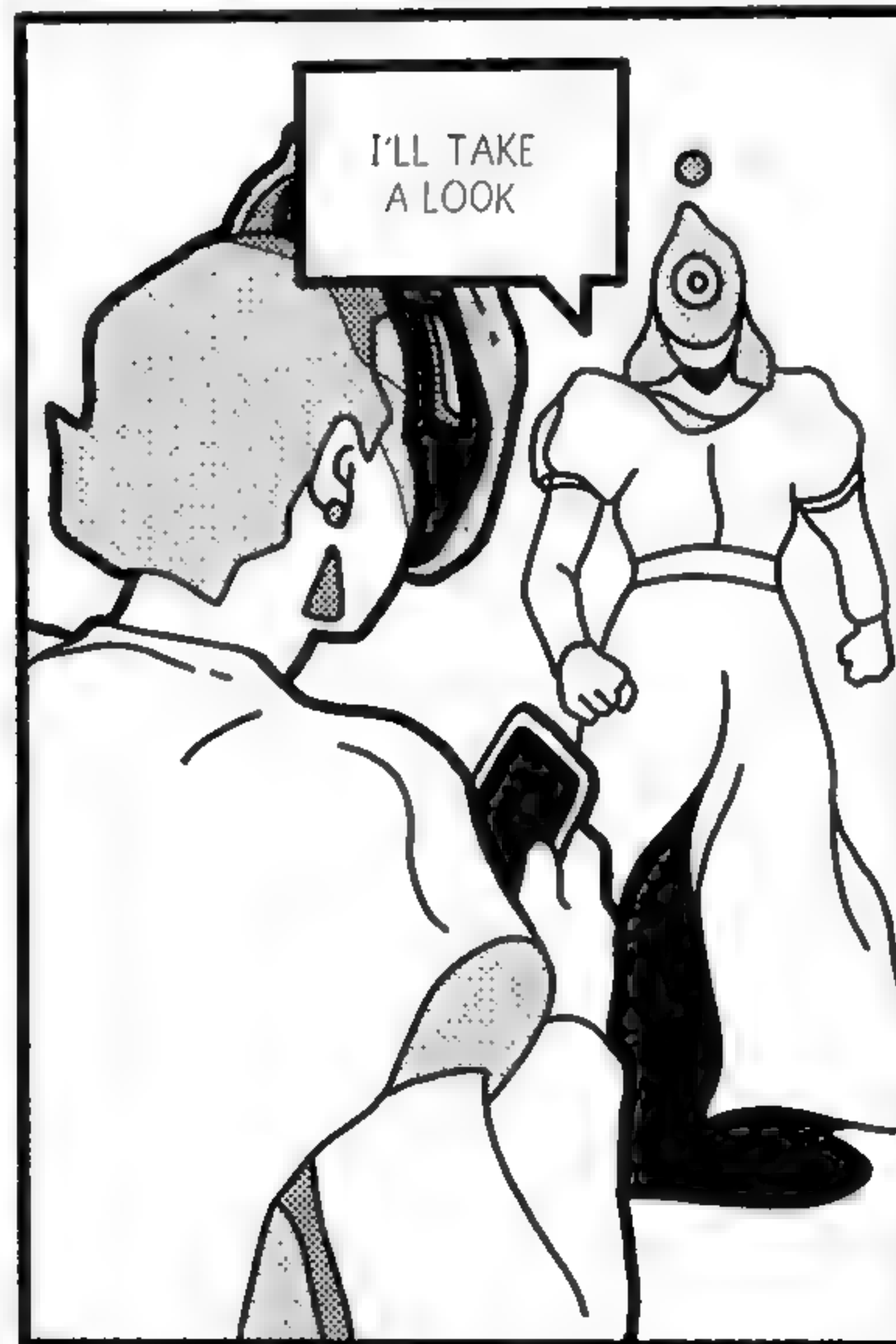
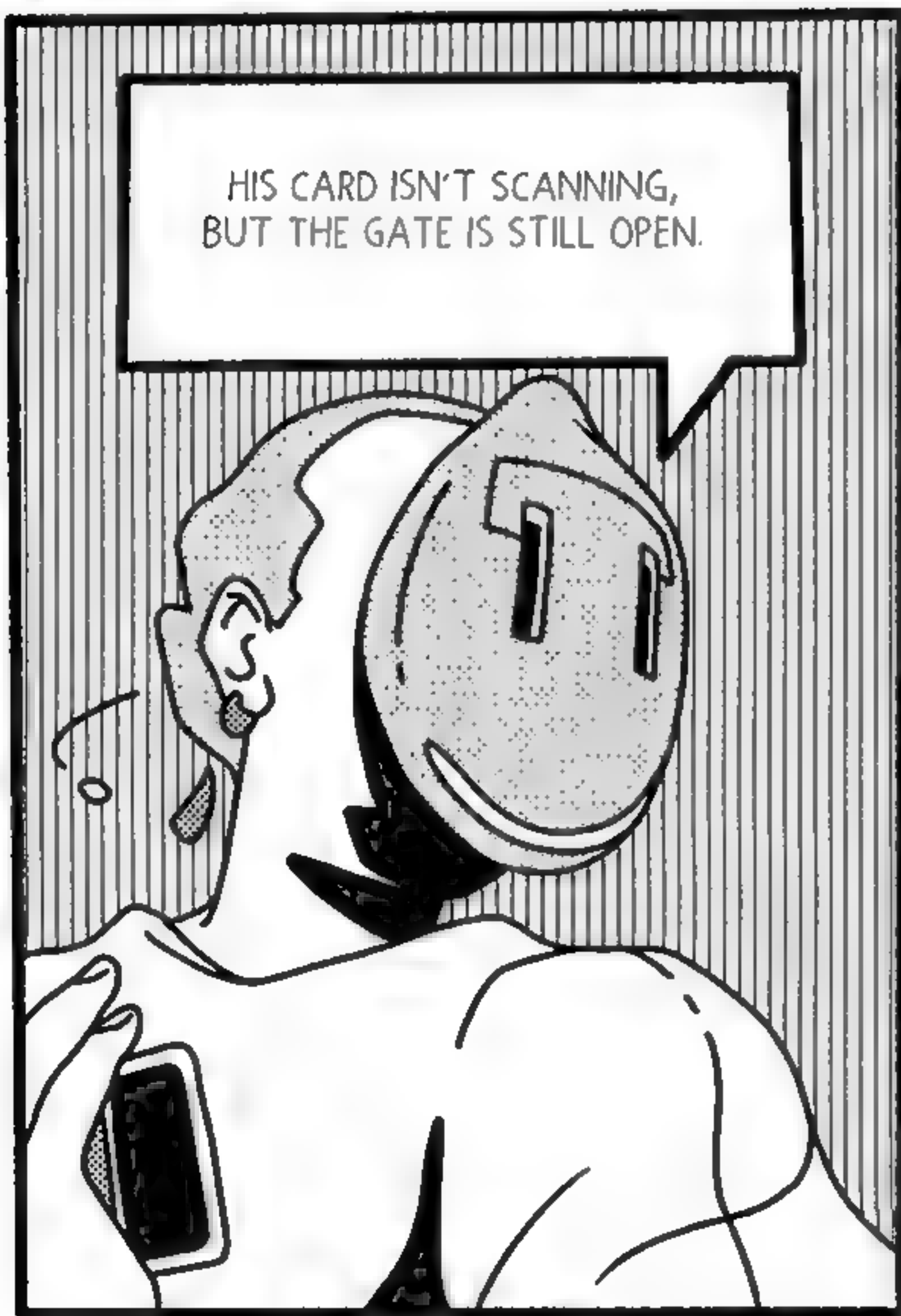
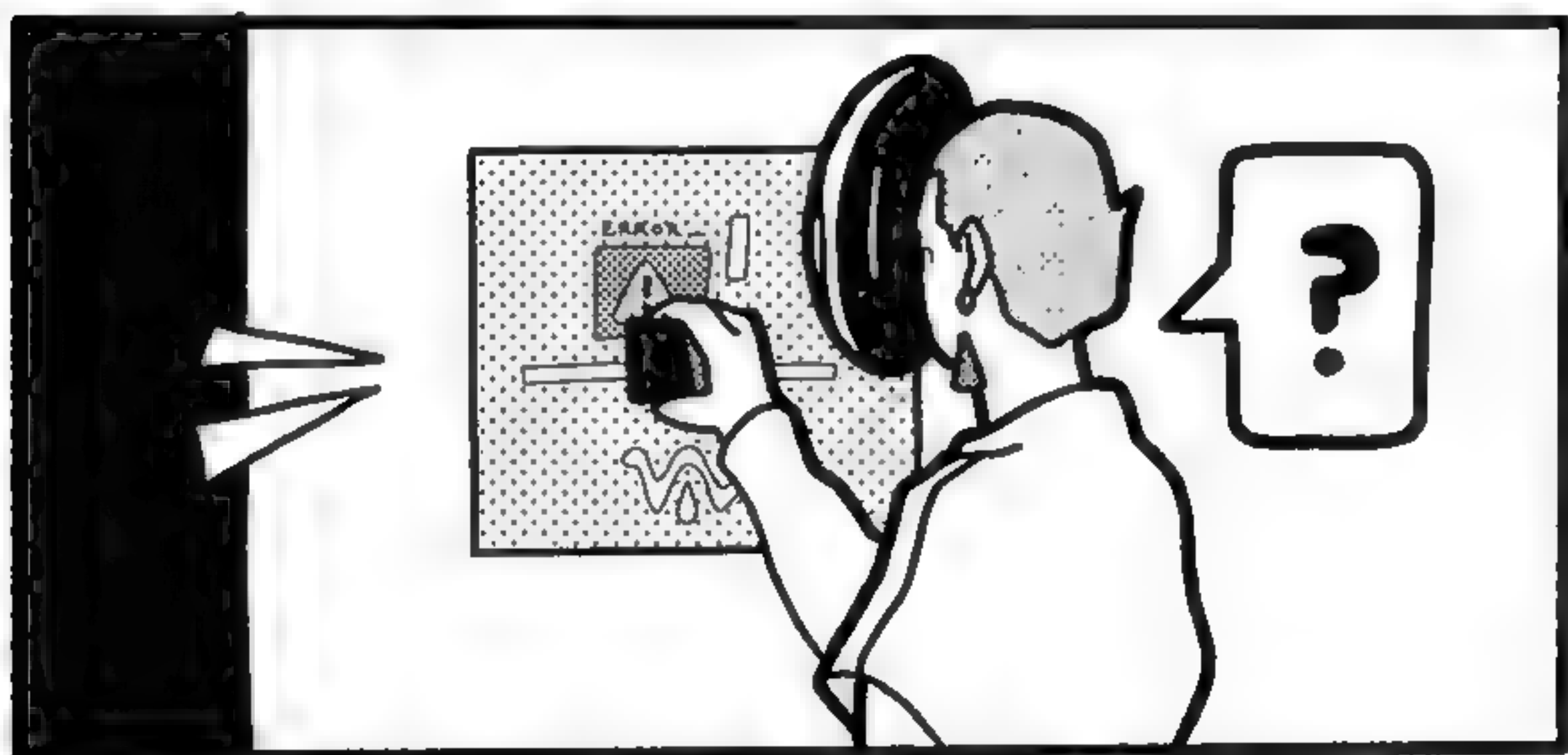
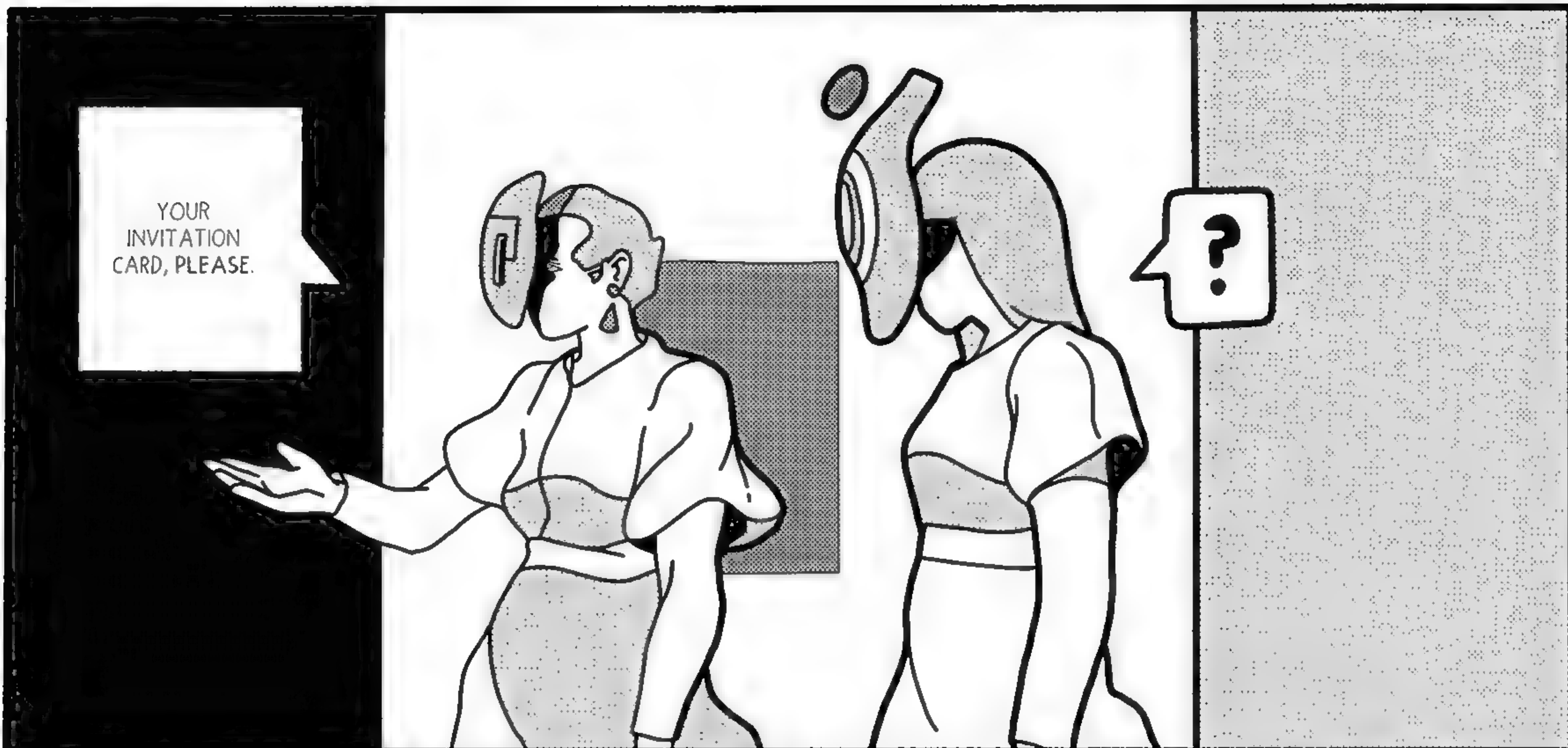
"HOWEVER, THERE'S
BEEN NO CONCRETE
EVIDENCE TO B-BACK
UP THIS C-CLAIM."



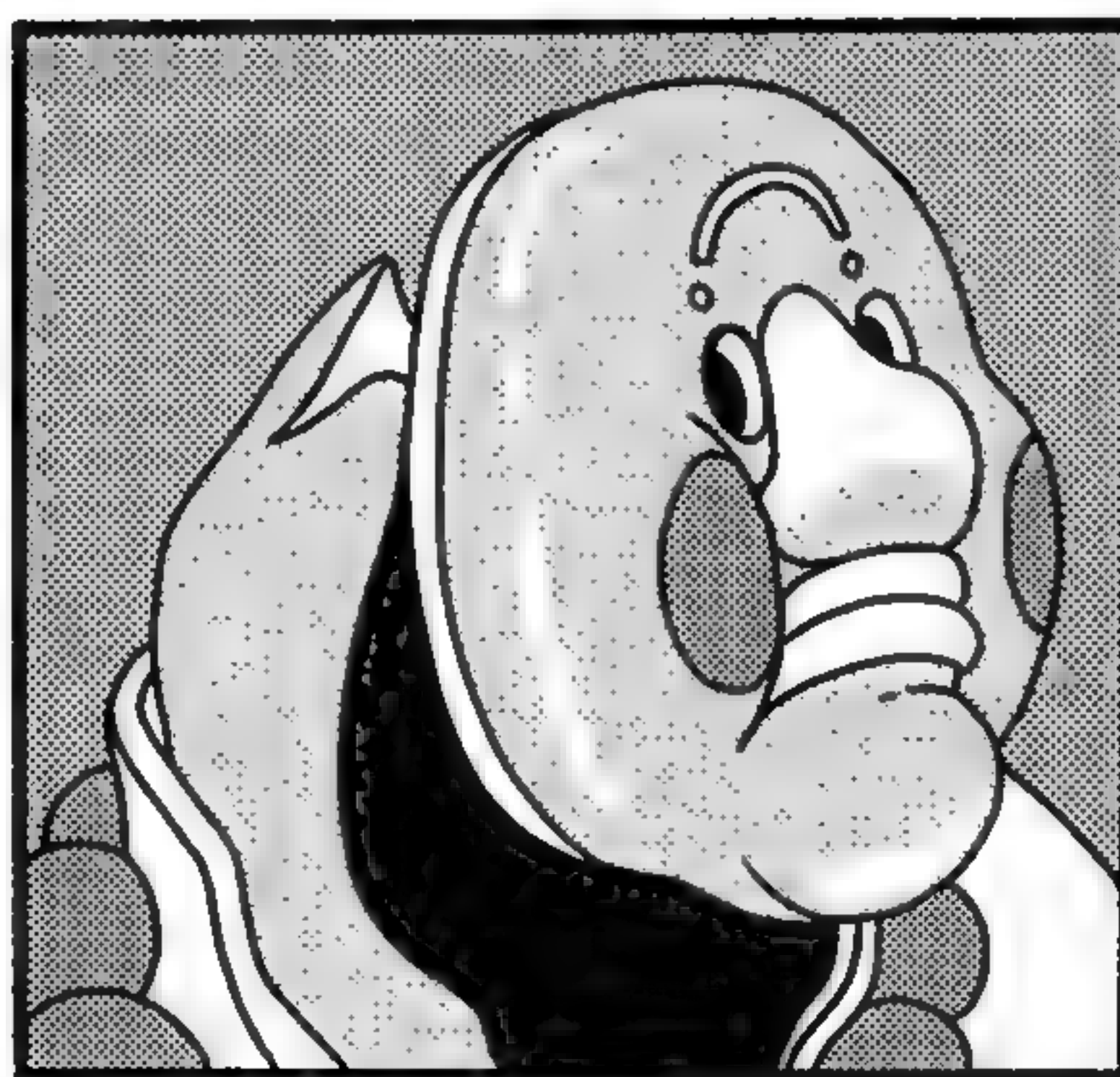
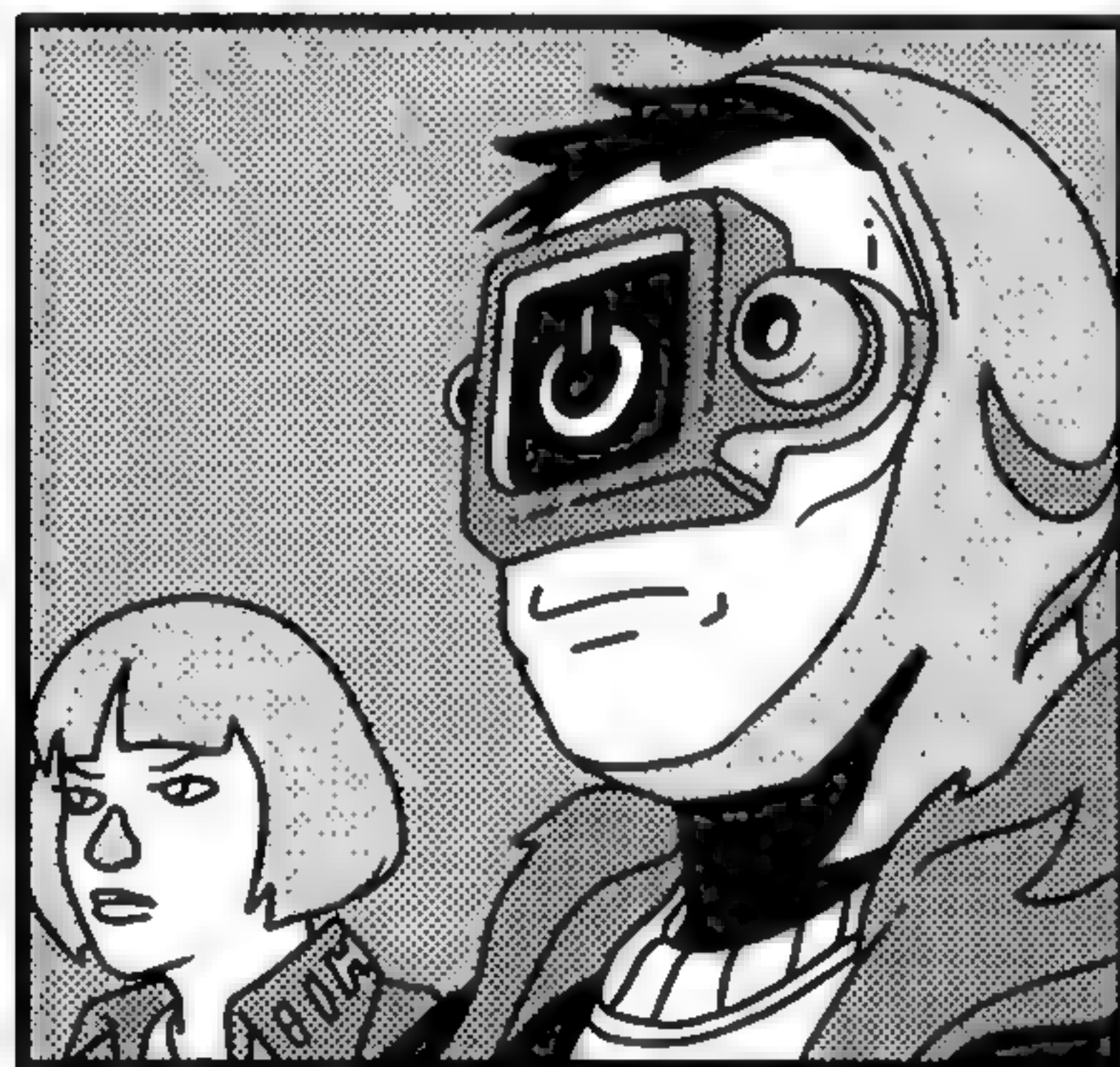
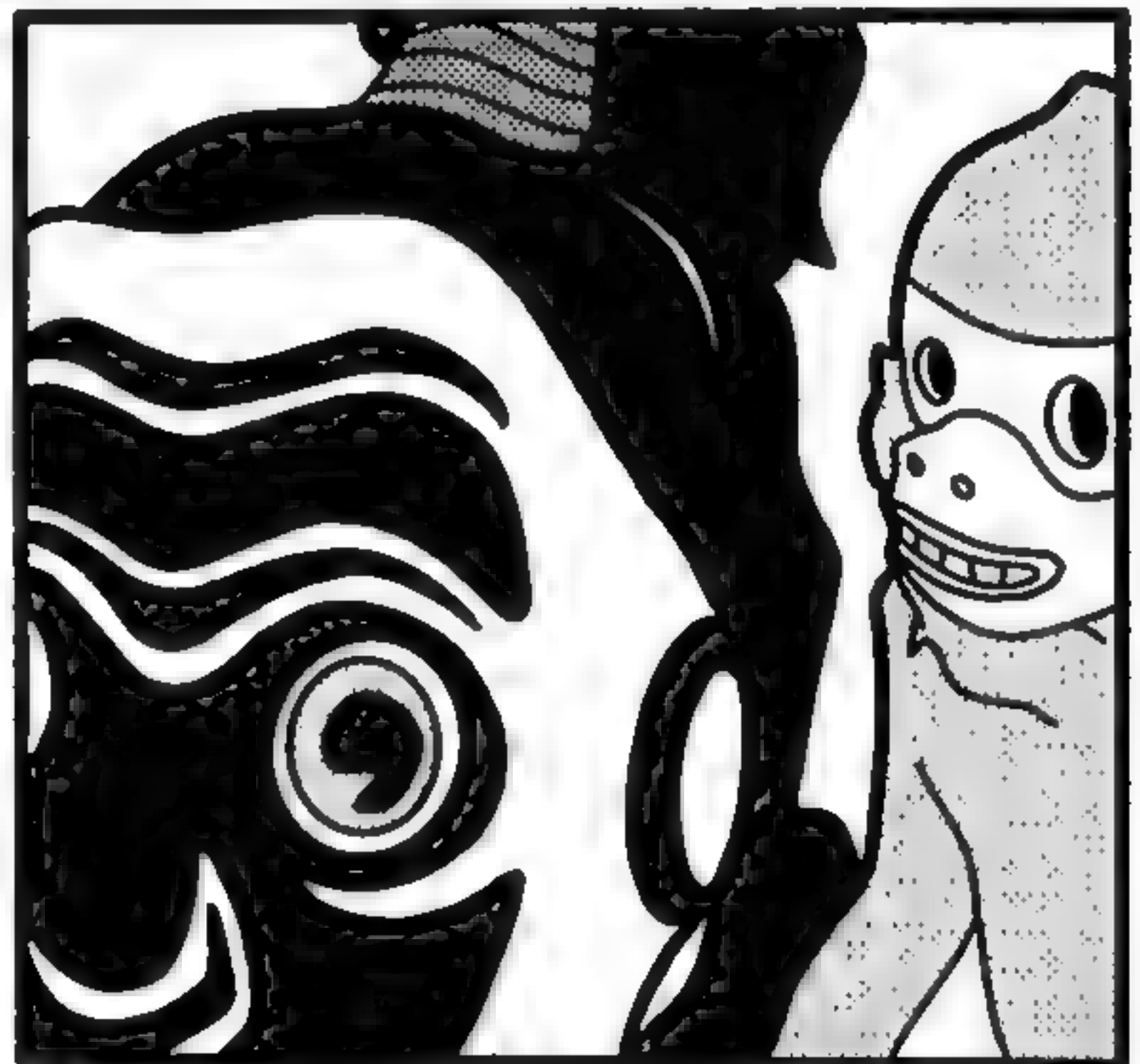
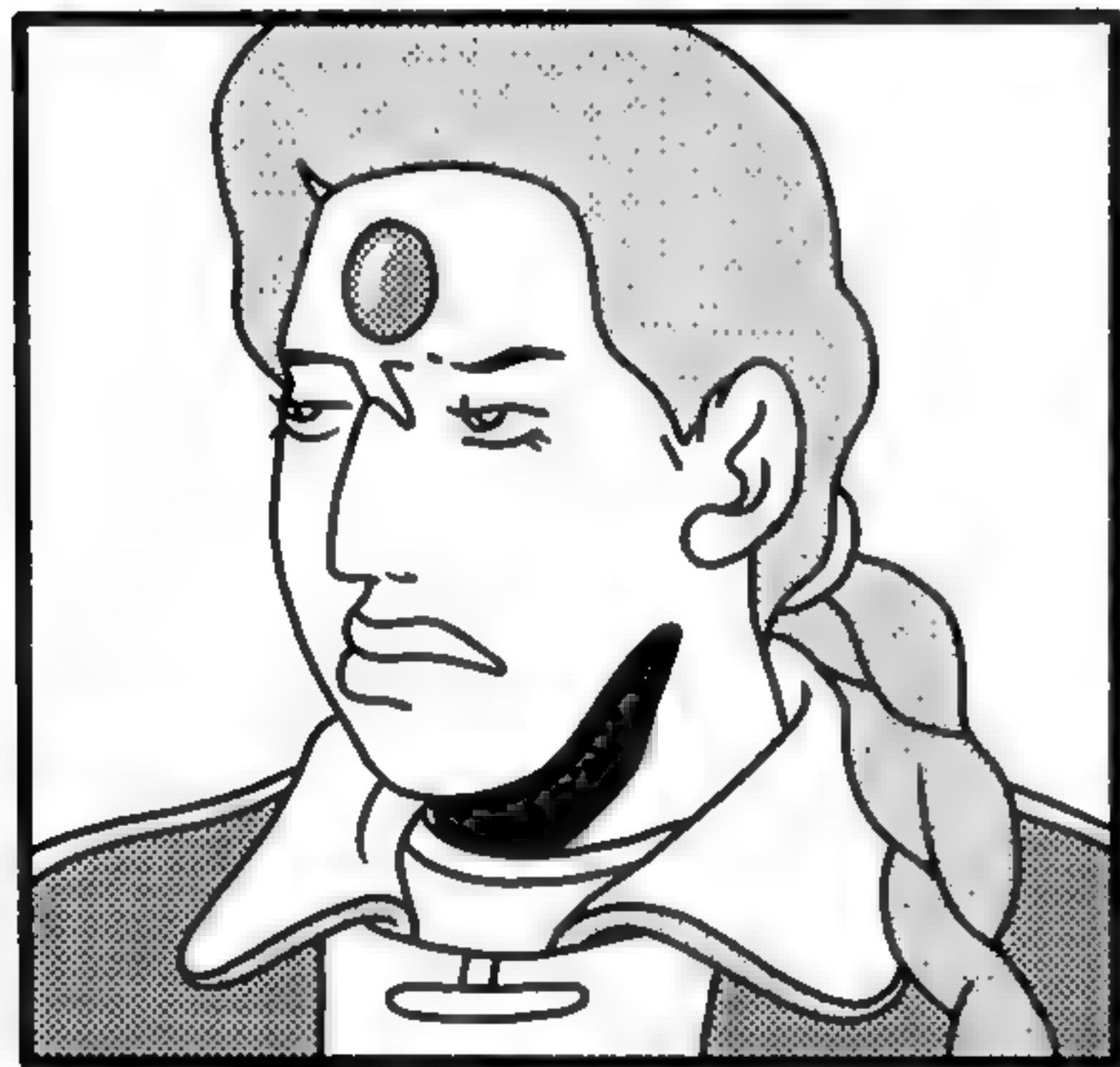


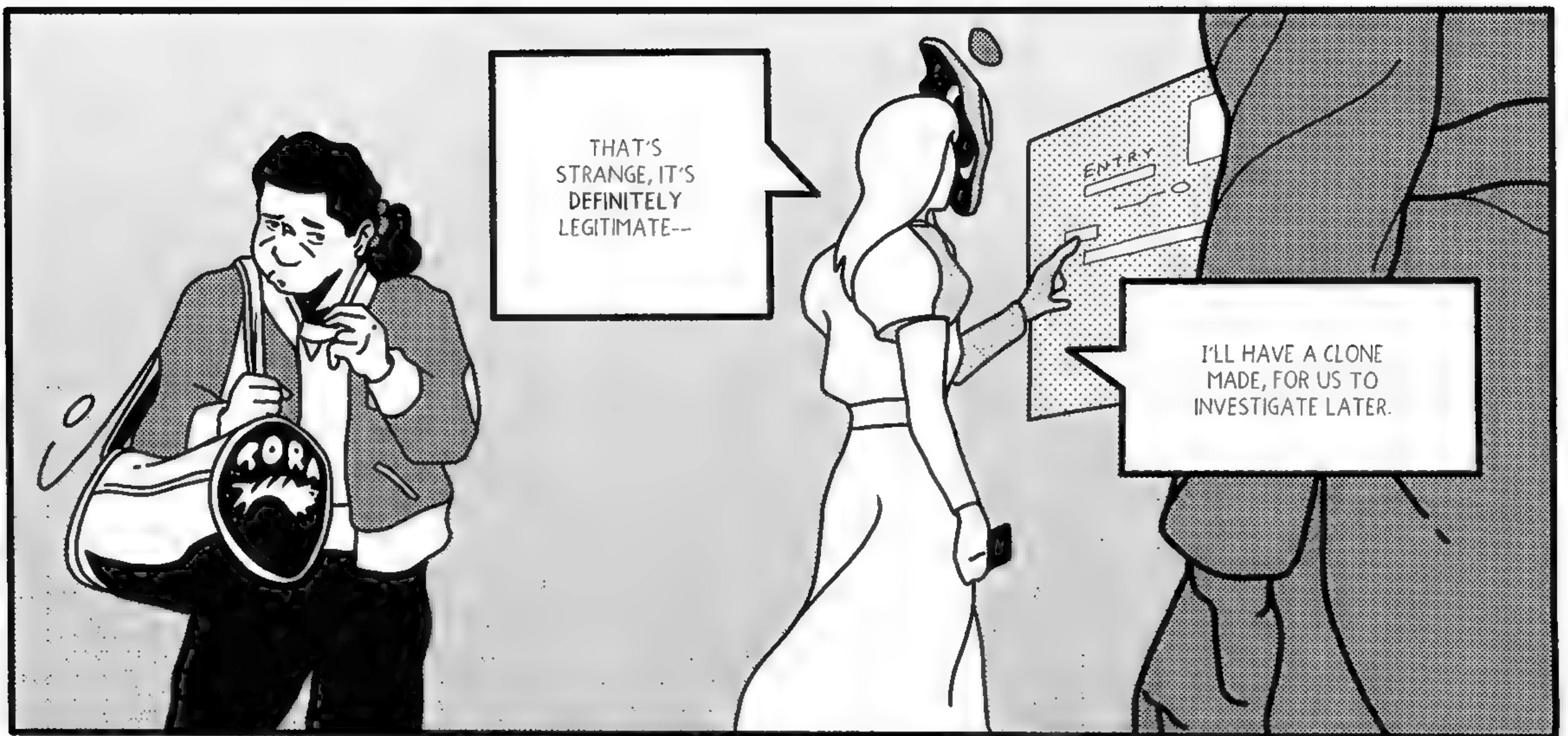






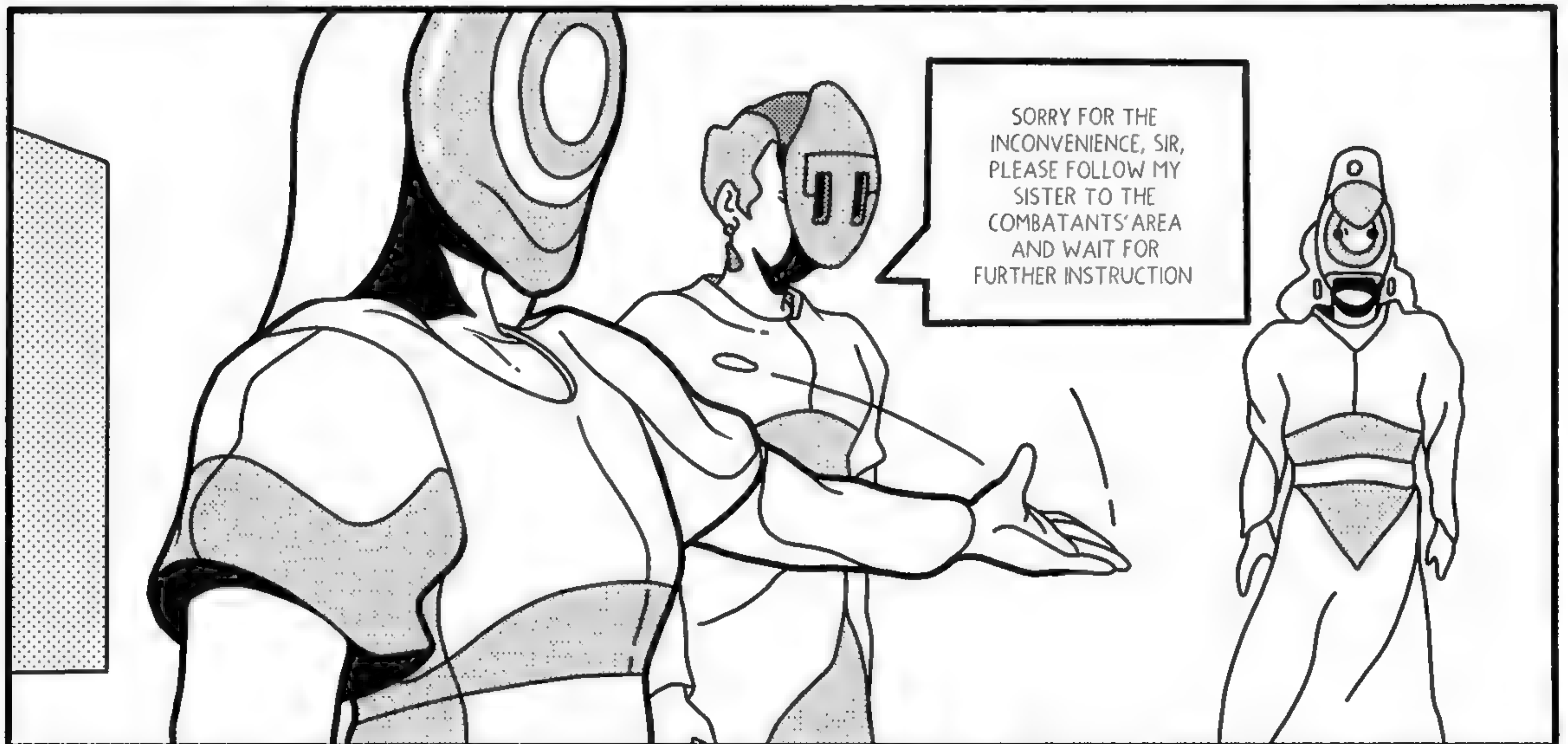






THAT'S
STRANGE, IT'S
DEFINITELY
LEGITIMATE--

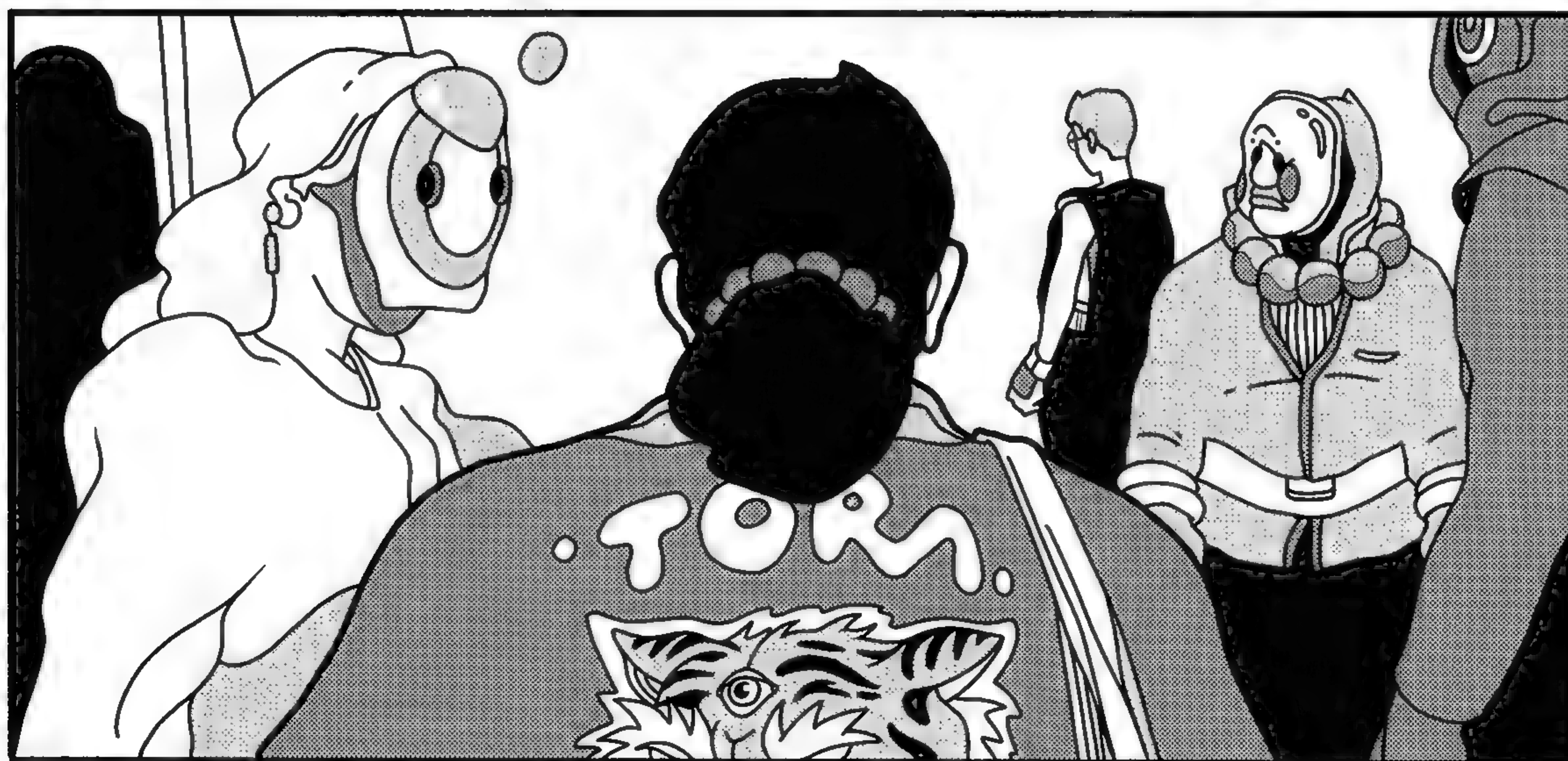
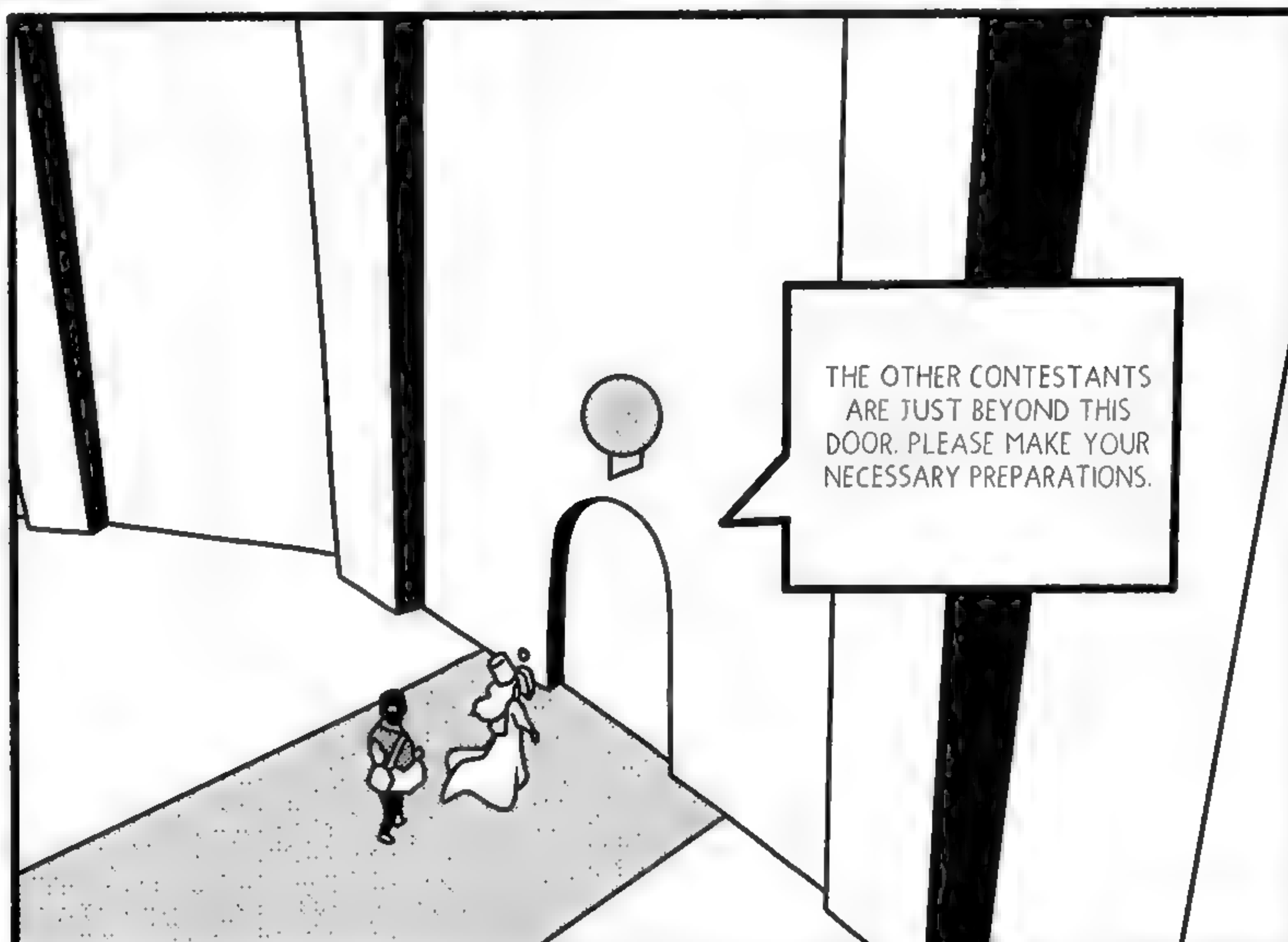
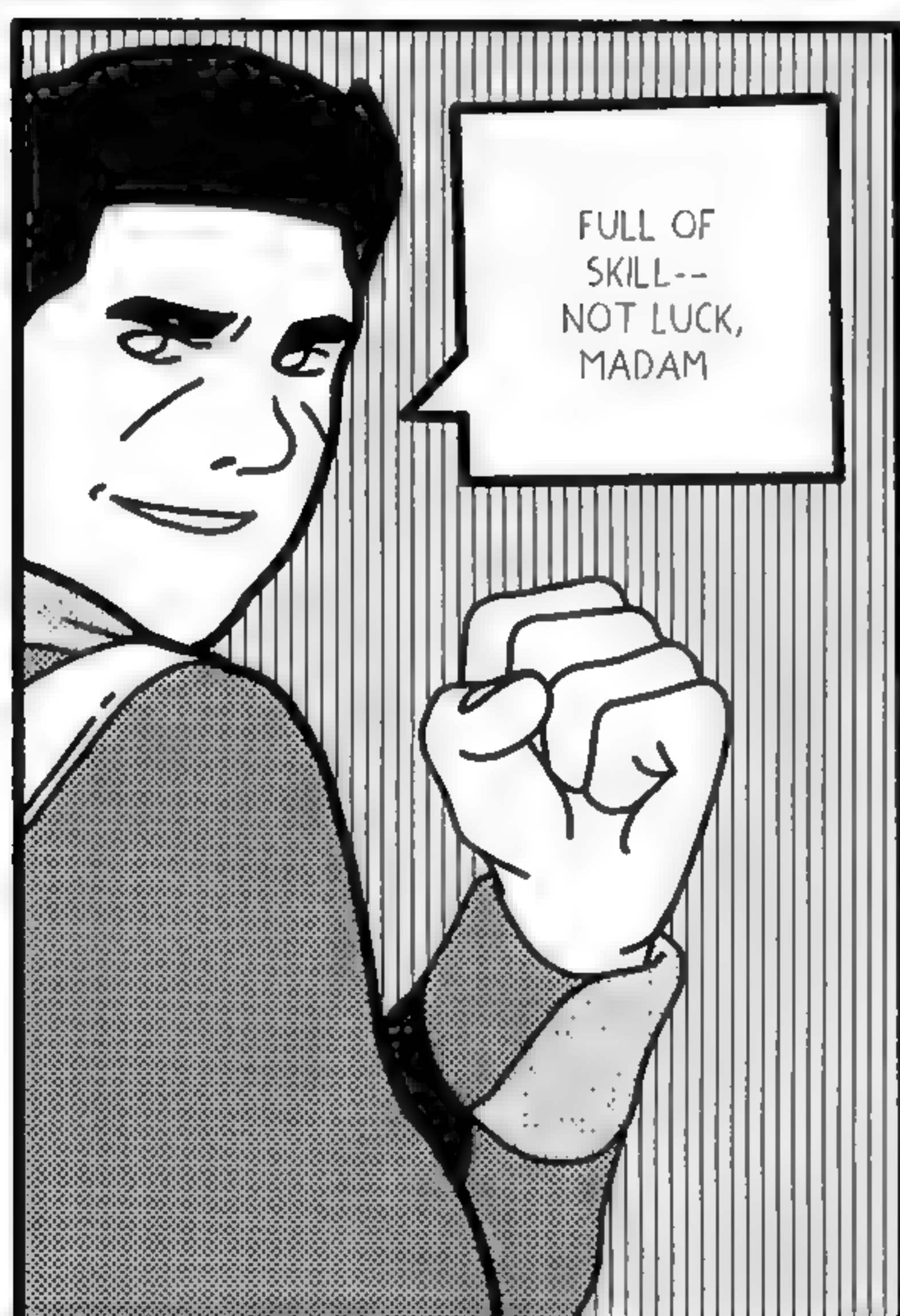
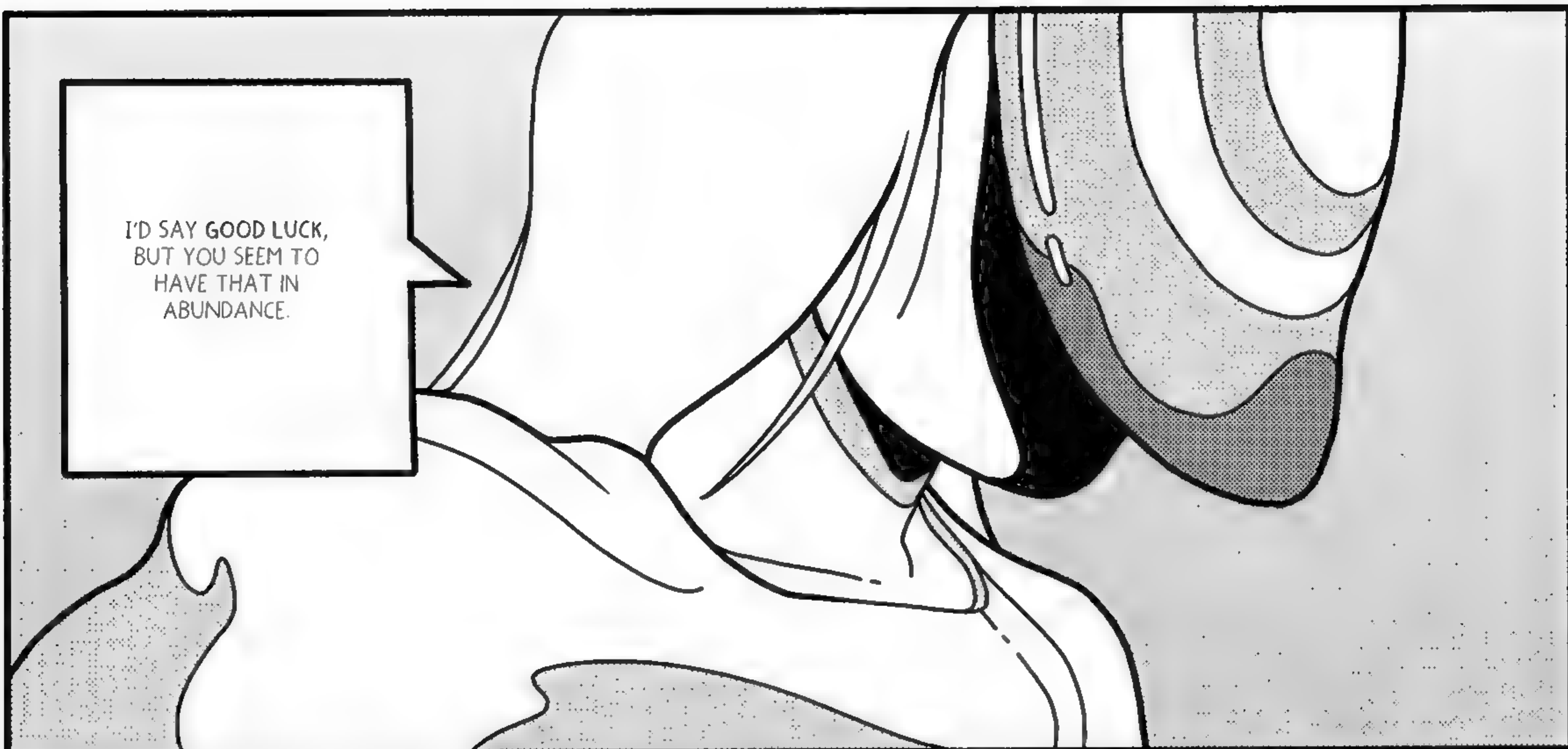
I'LL HAVE A CLONE
MADE, FOR US TO
INVESTIGATE LATER.

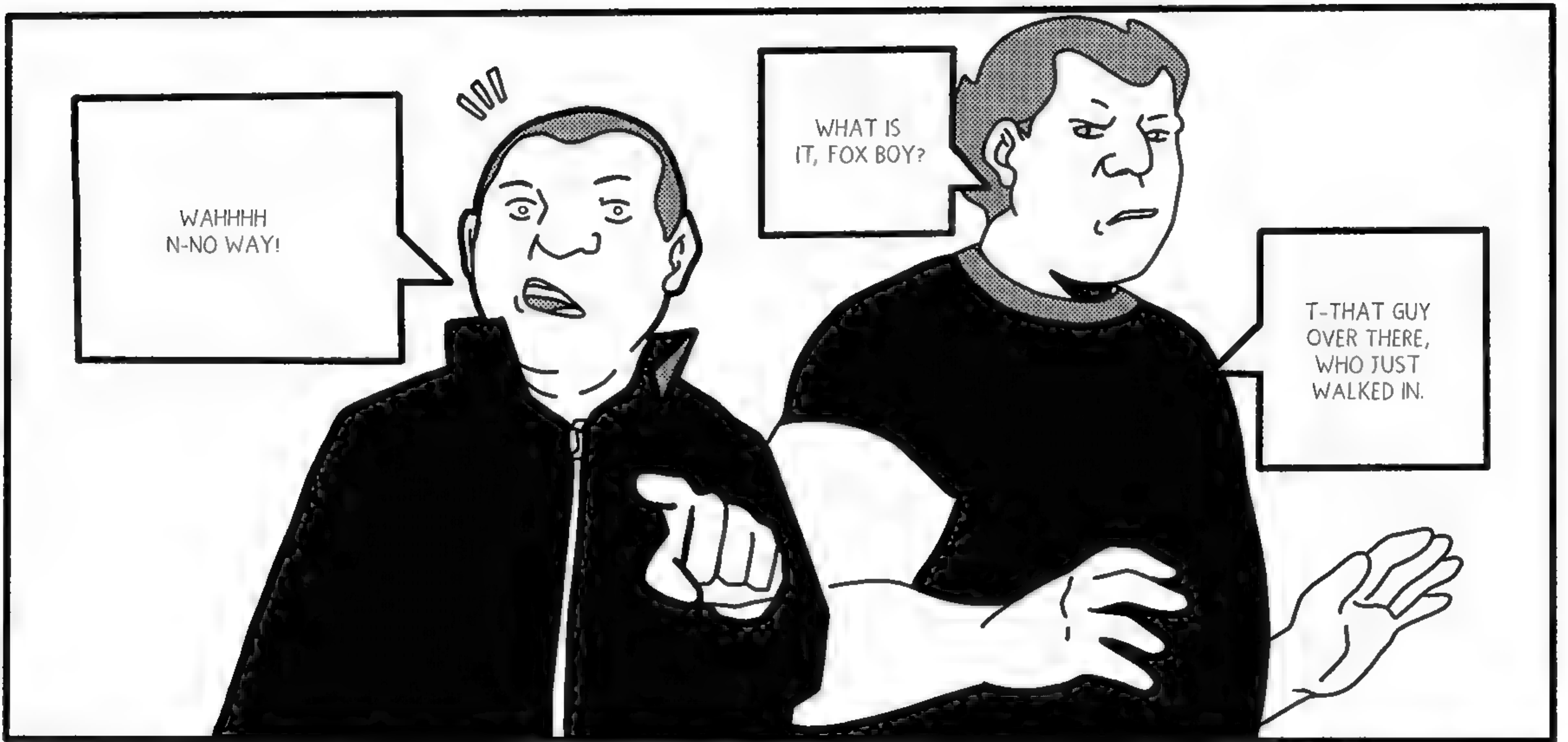


SORRY FOR THE
INCONVENIENCE, SIR,
PLEASE FOLLOW MY
SISTER TO THE
COMBATANTS' AREA
AND WAIT FOR
FURTHER INSTRUCTION



THANK YOU,
MADAM MAIDENS,
ENJOY YOUR
EVENING AND
WATCH ME WIN





WAHHHH
N-NO WAY!

WHAT IS
IT, FOX BOY?

T-THAT GUY
OVER THERE,
WHO JUST
WALKED IN.



YEAH, WHAT
ABOUT HIM?!

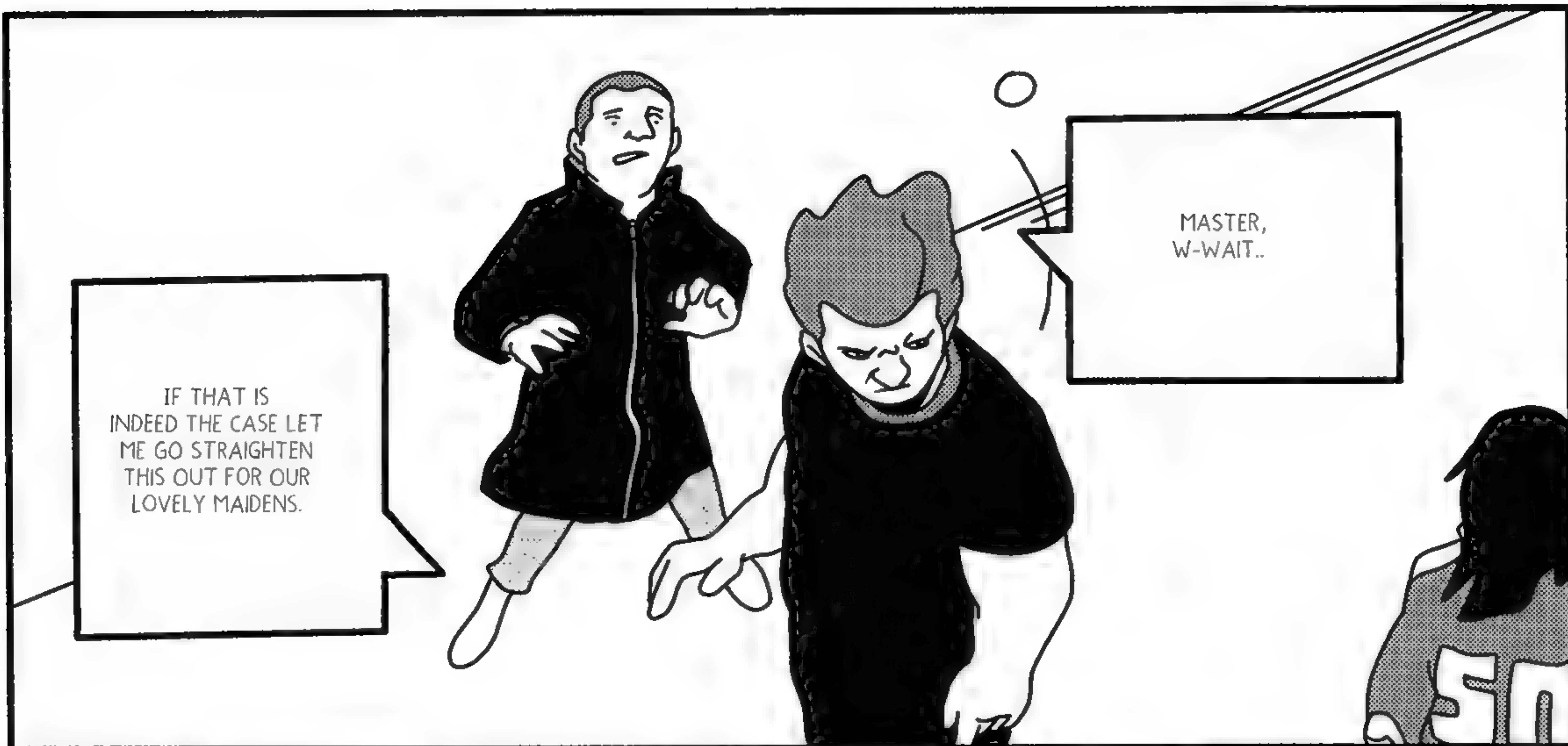
M-MASTER, I'M PRETTY
SURE HE'S AN OUTRIDER
NOW THAT GUY WILL
BE A REAL PROBLEM

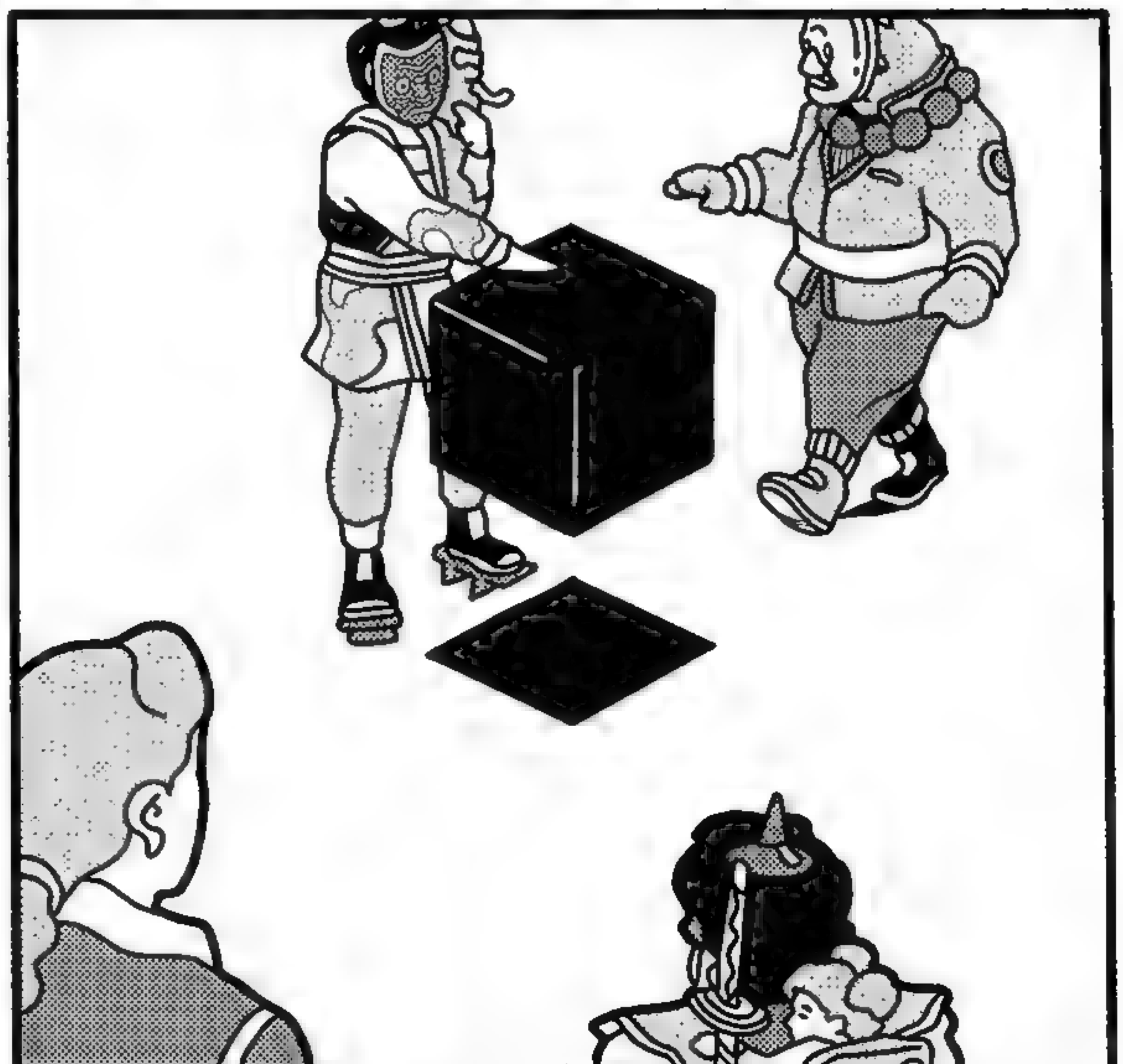
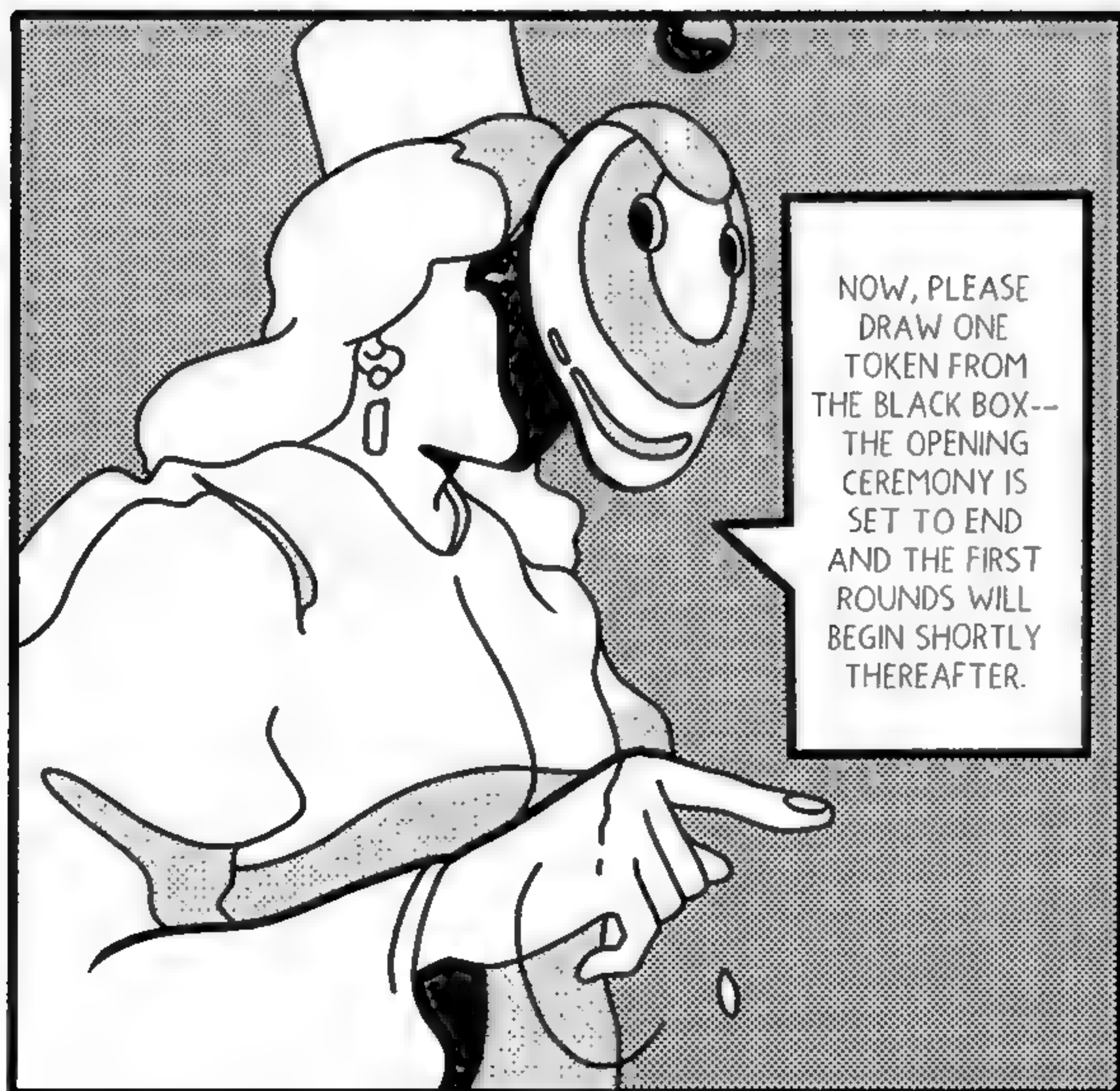
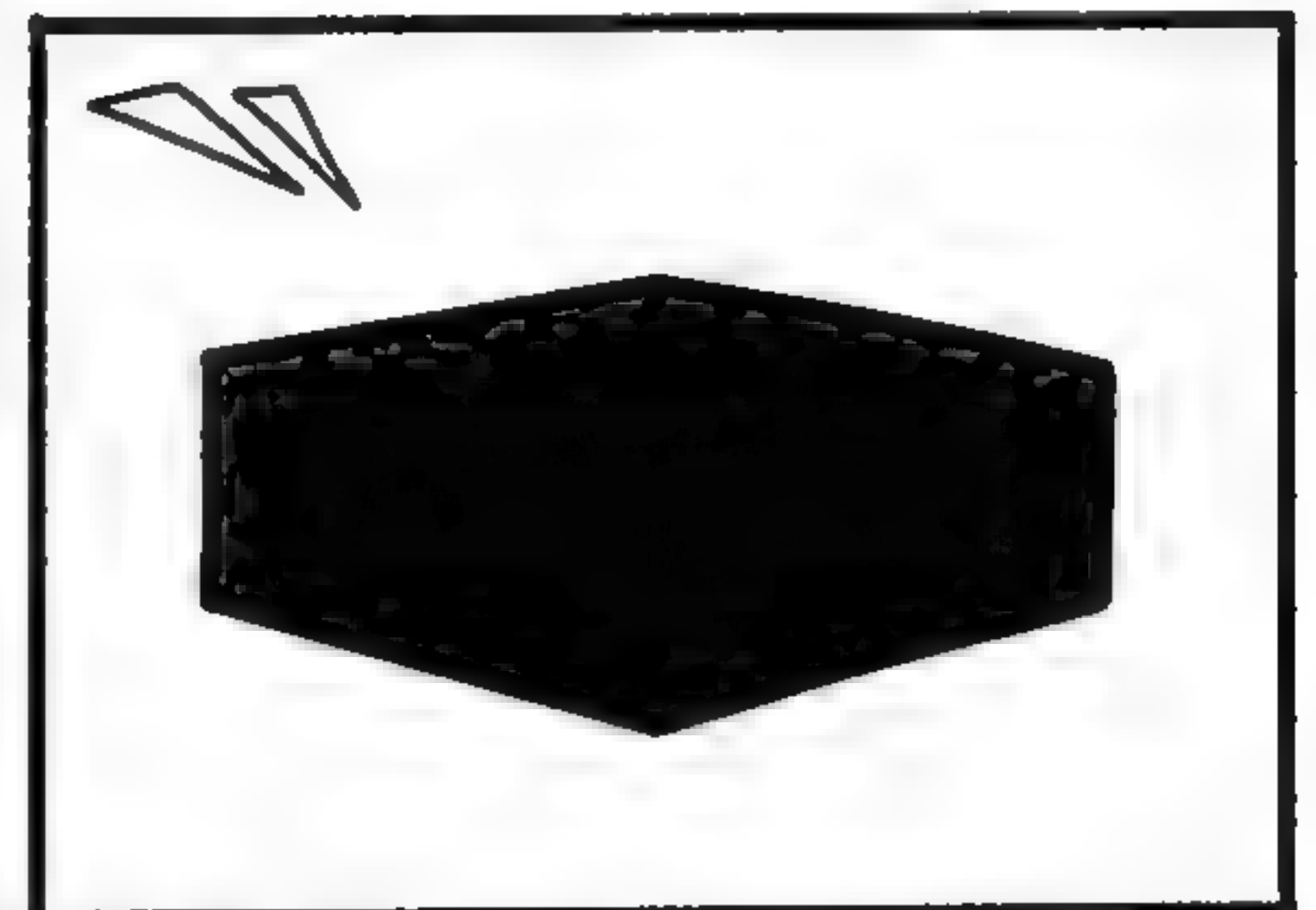
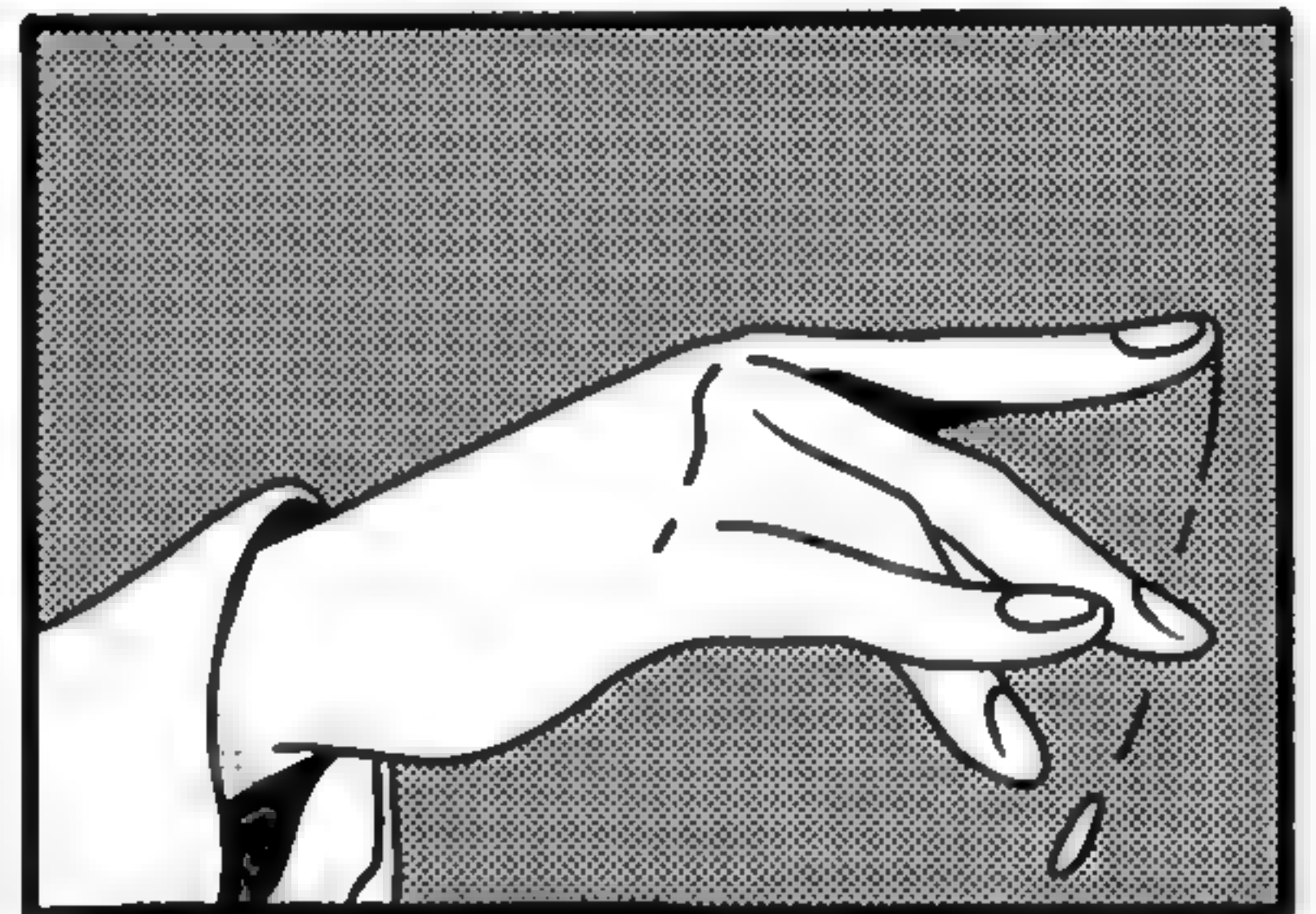
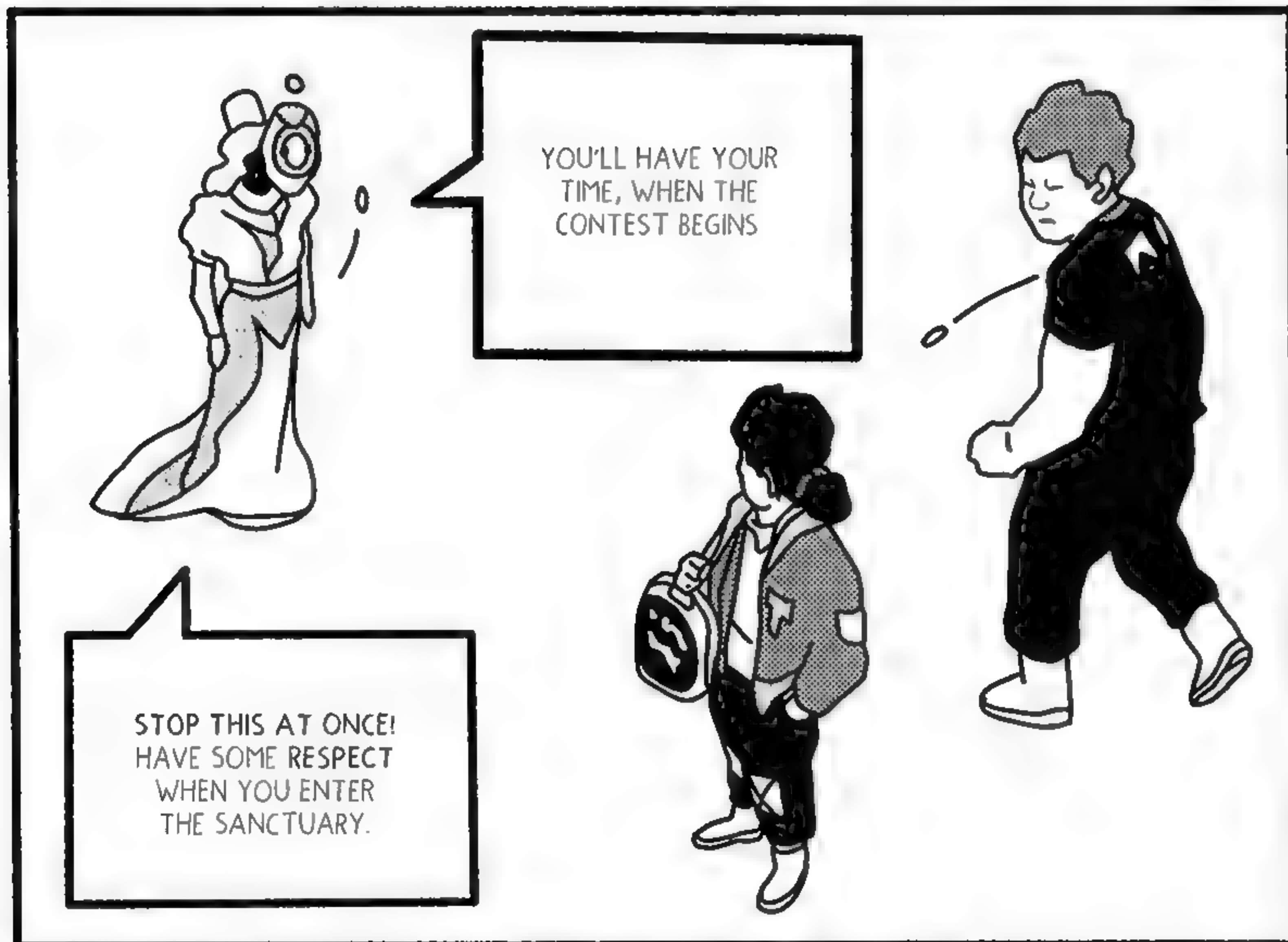
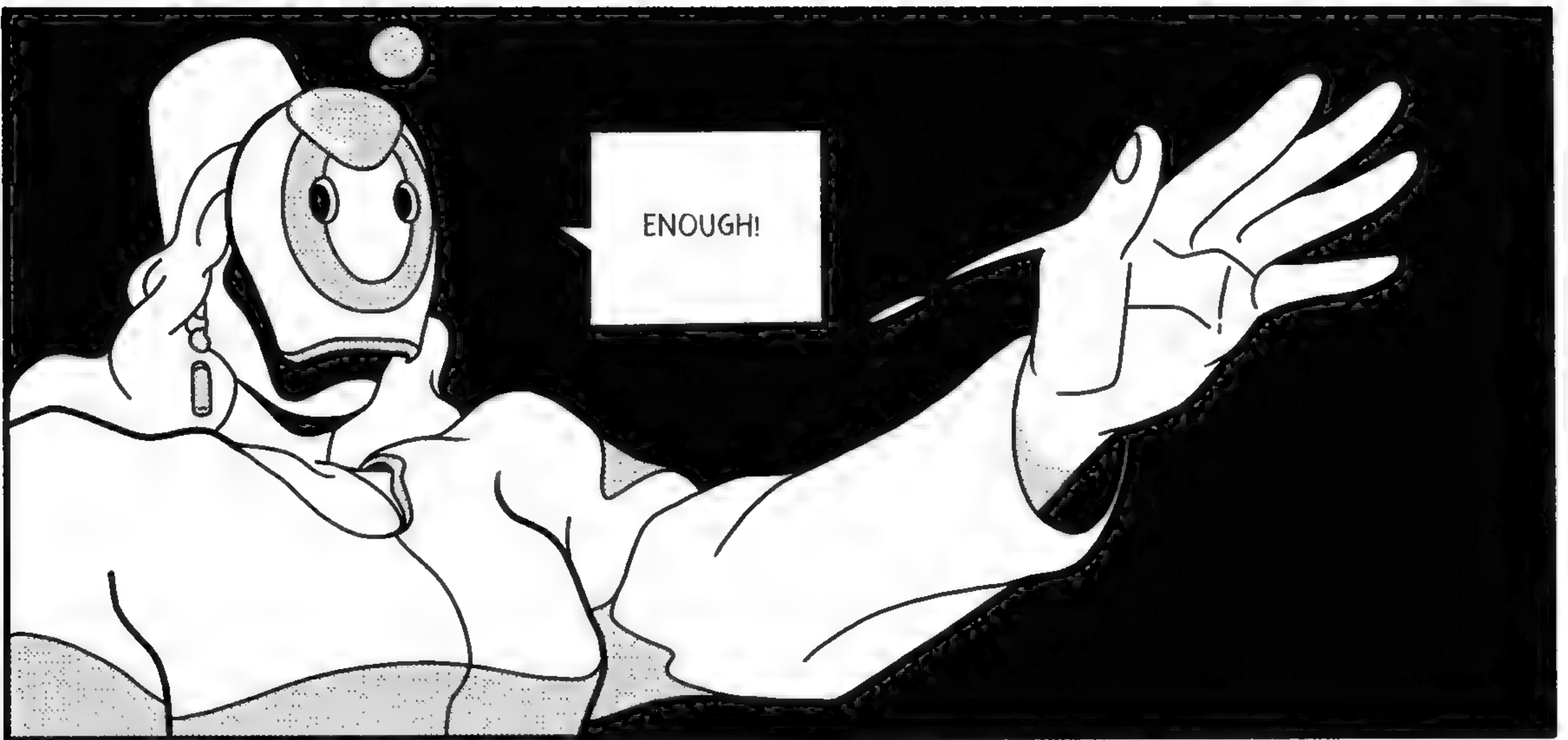


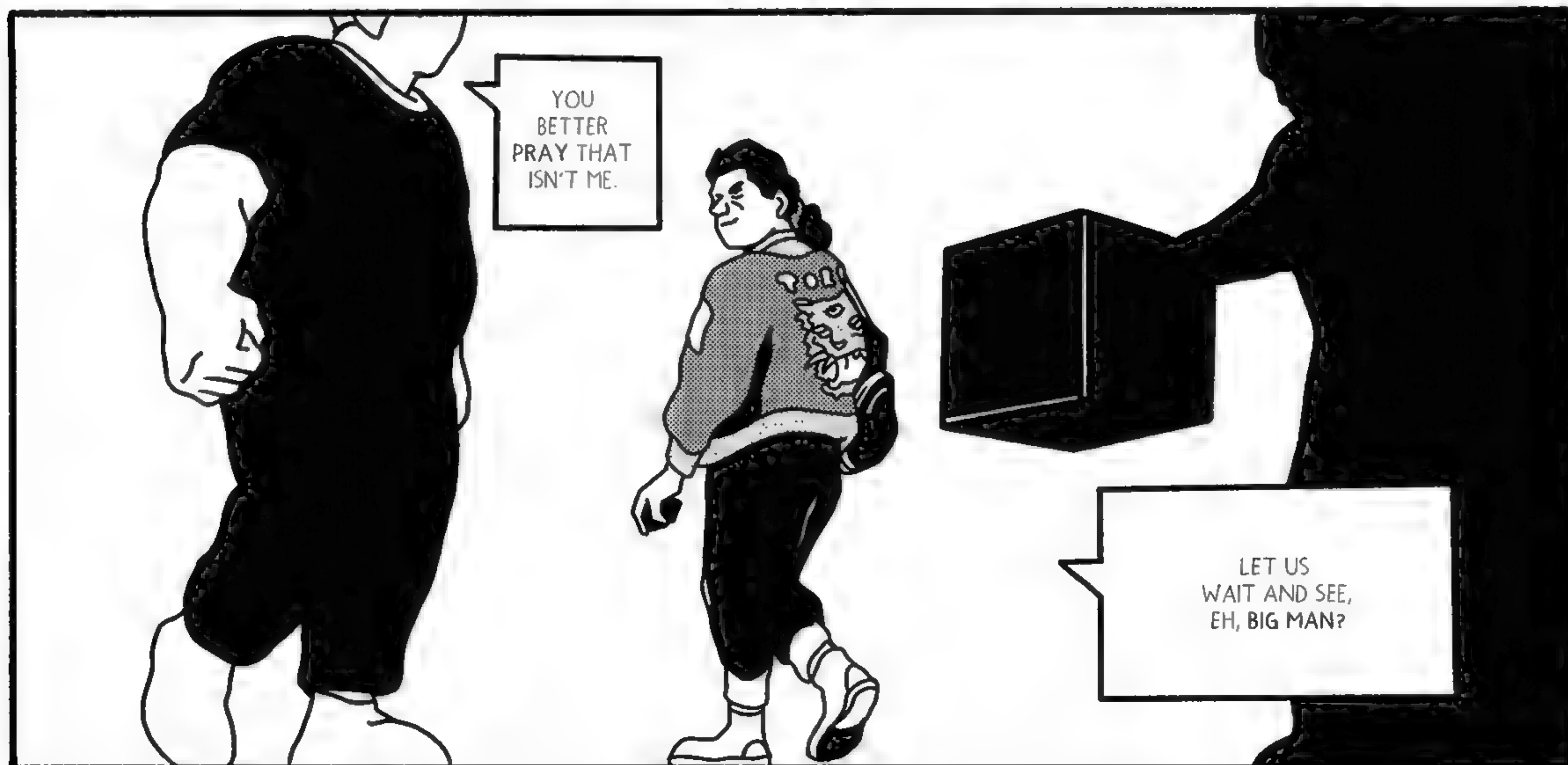
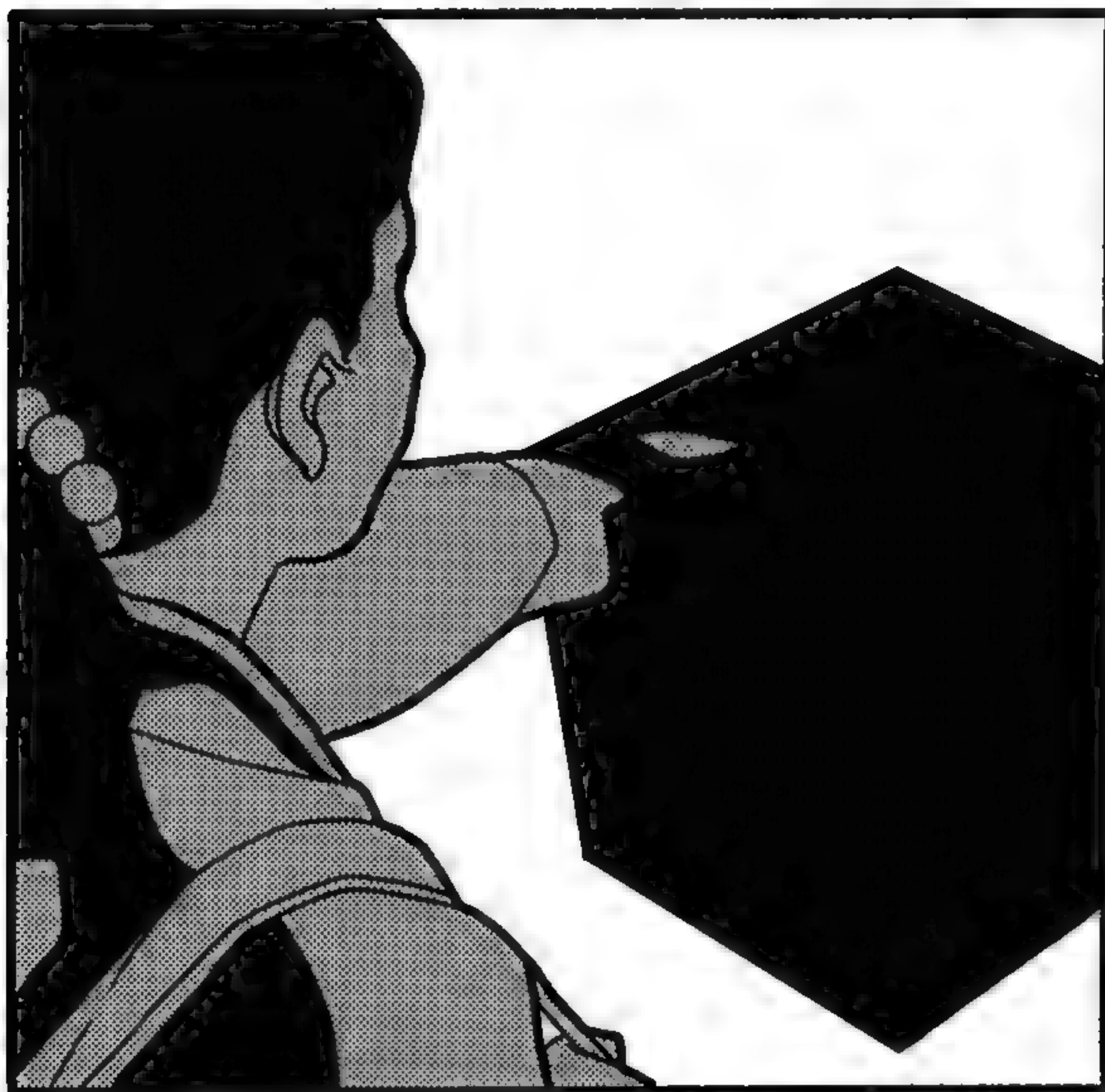
HMPF, IS
THAT SO,
EH?

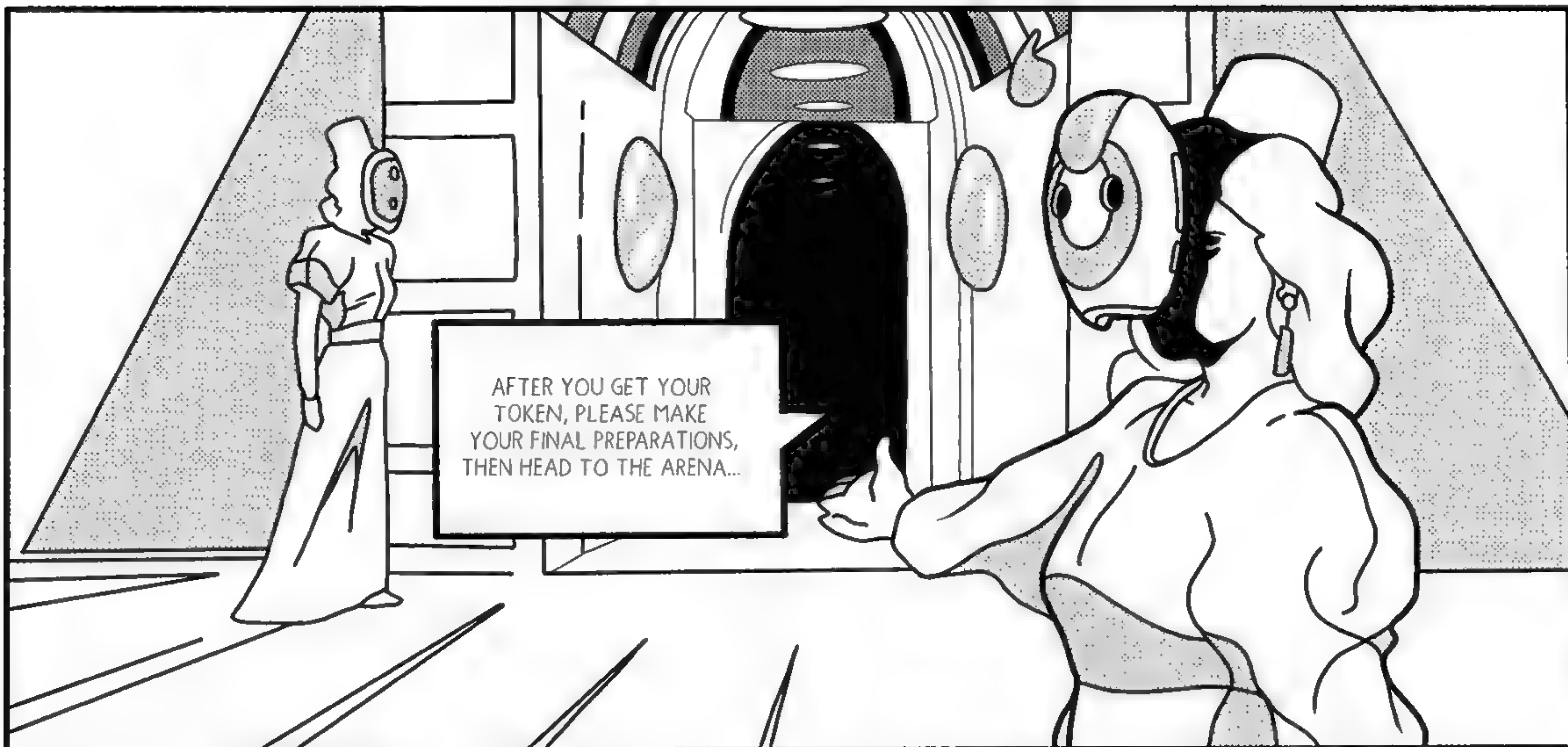


I COULD BE WRONG HERE, BUT
I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION
THAT OUTRIDERS ARE FORBIDDEN
FROM TAKING PART

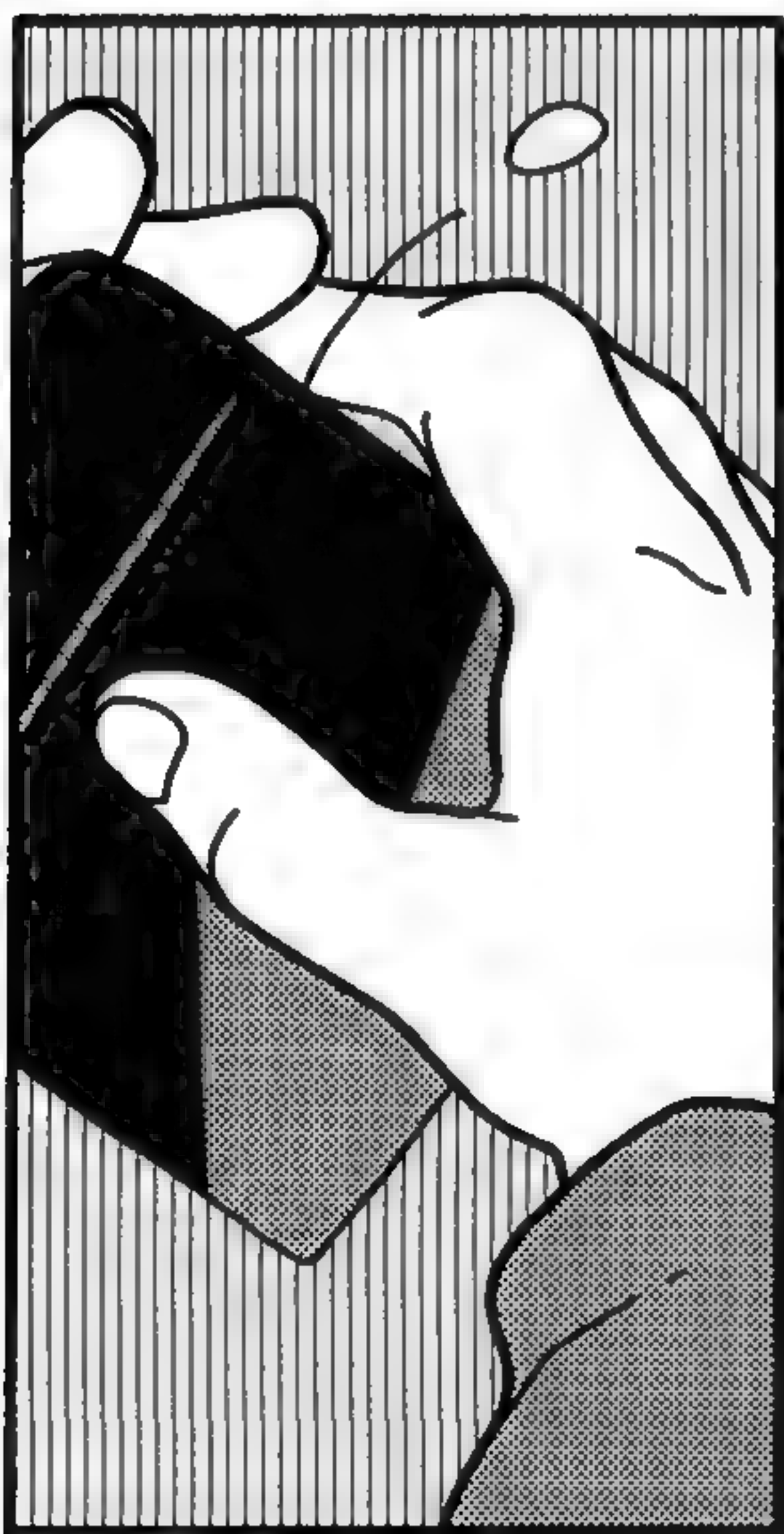




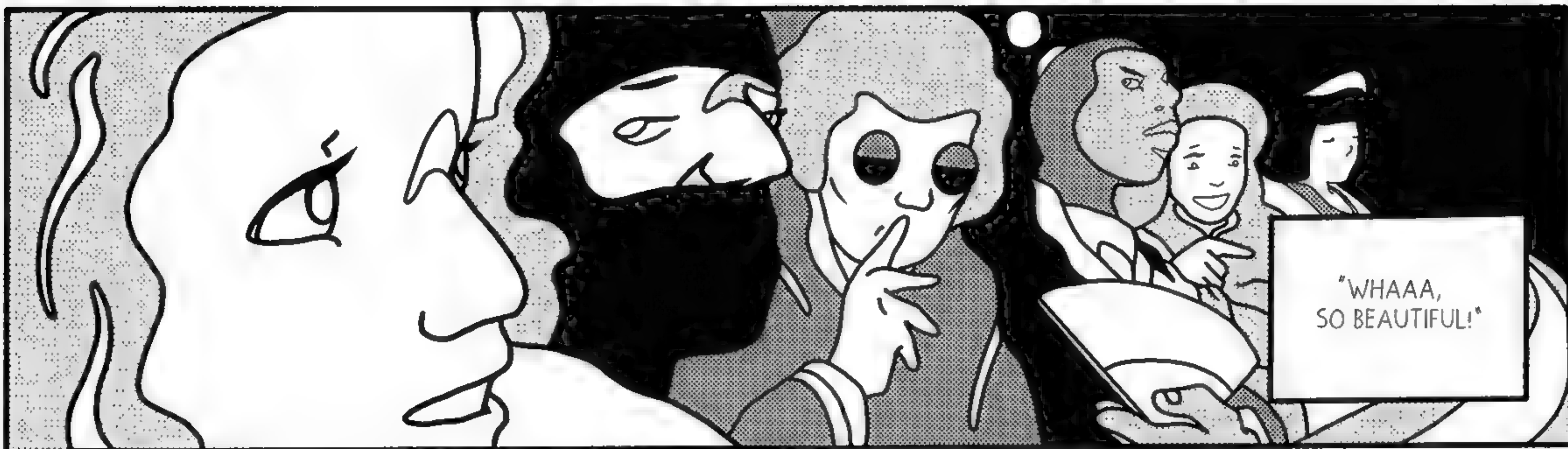


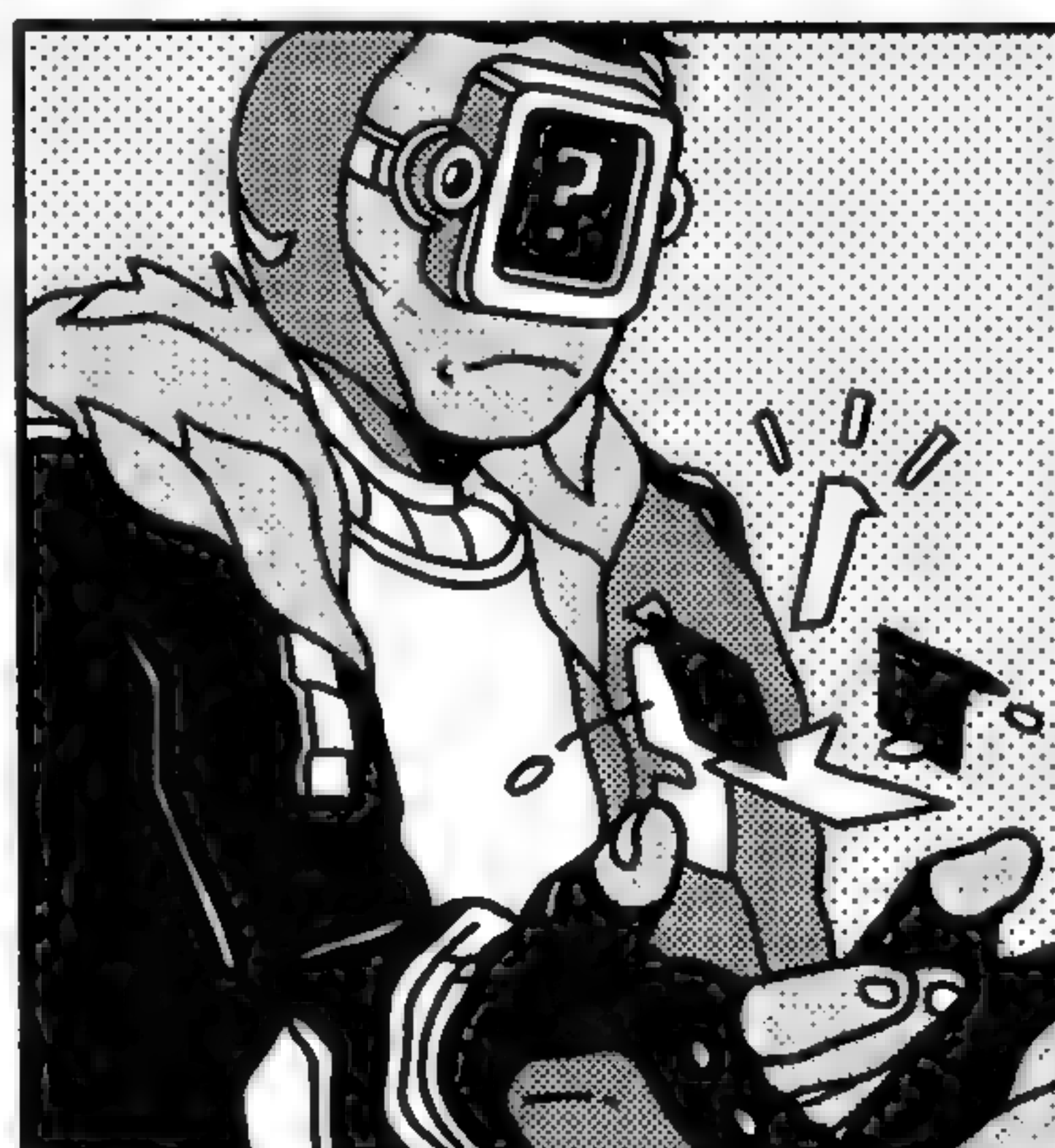
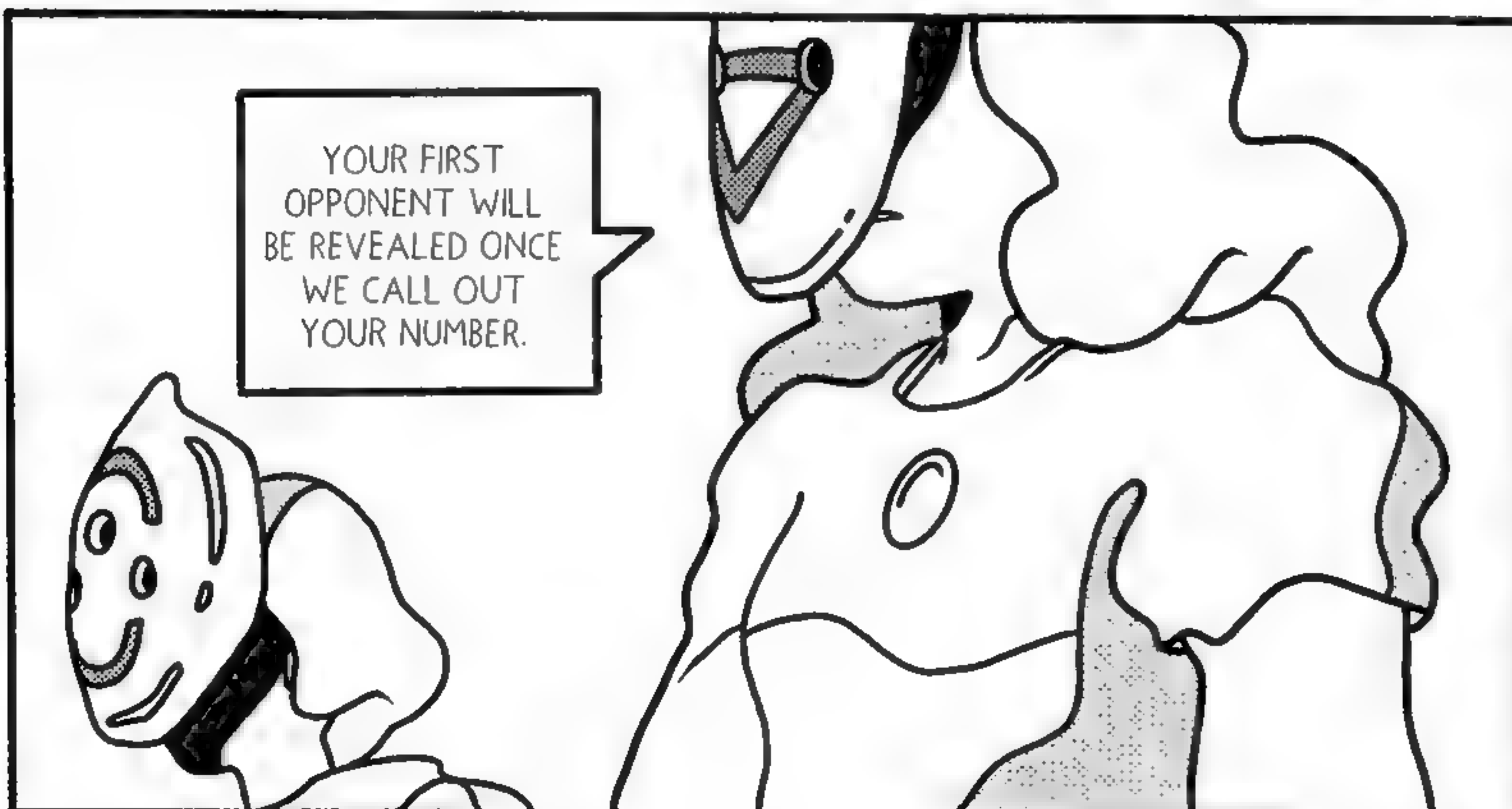
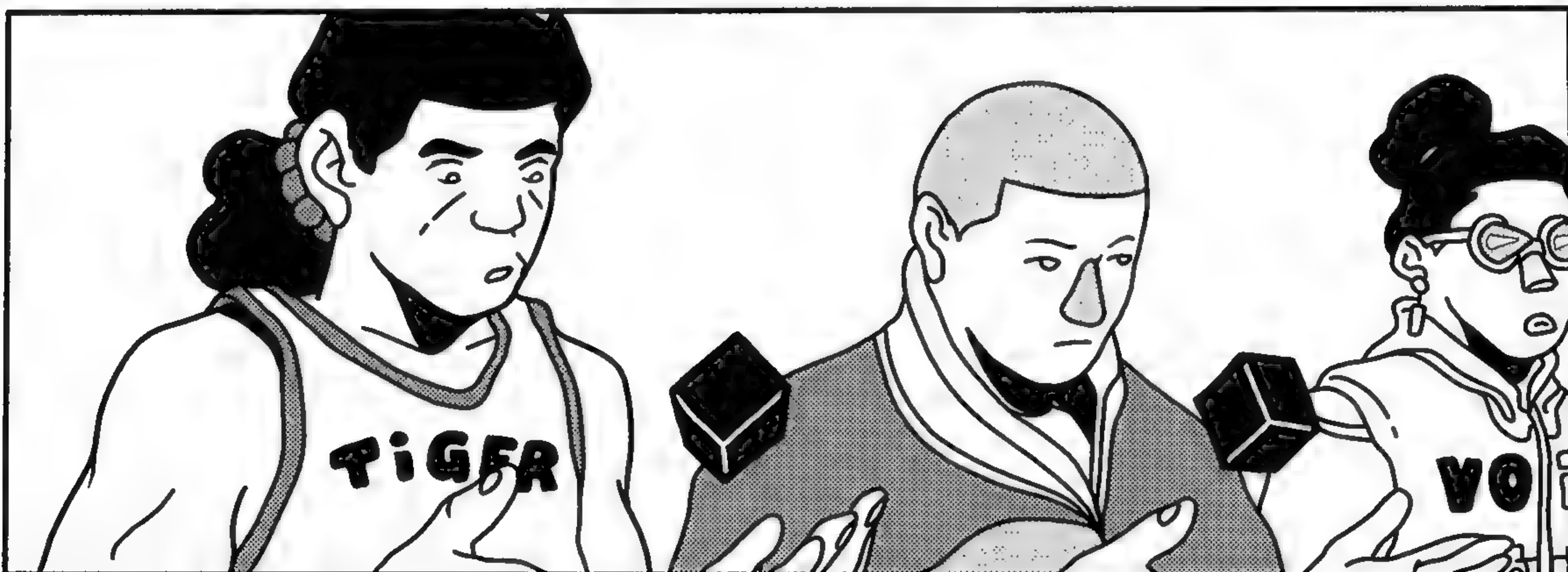
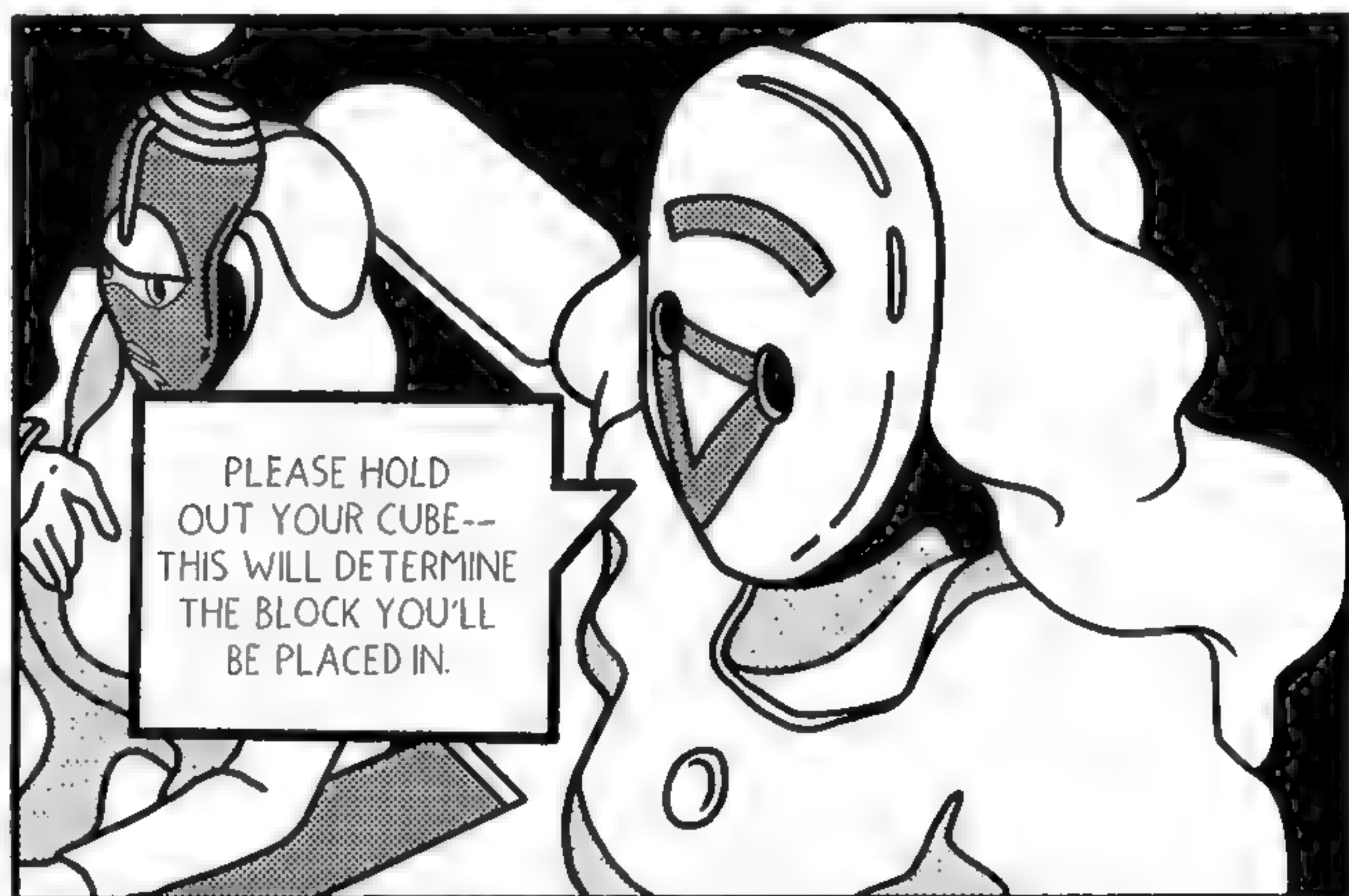
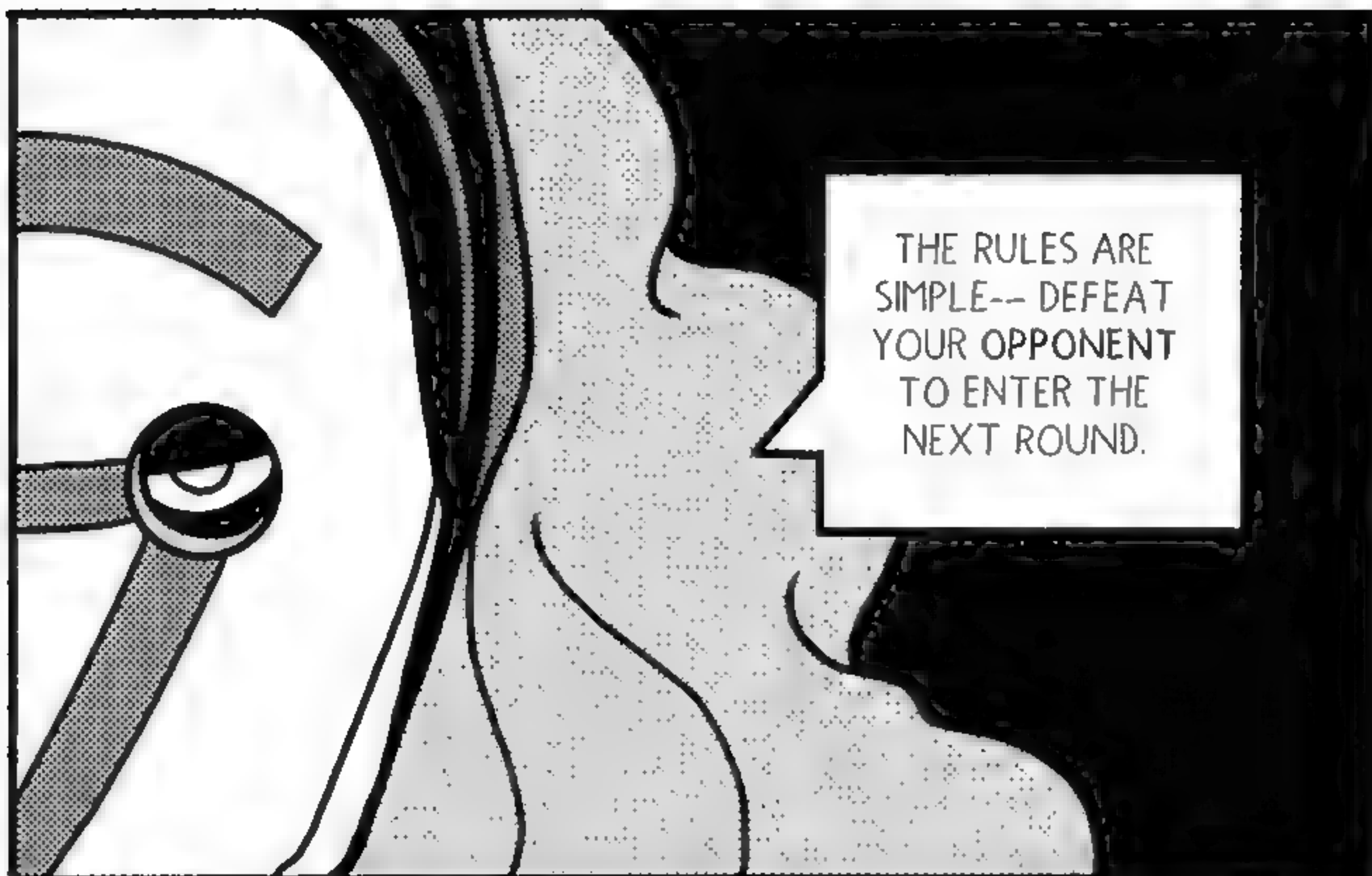














CONTESTANT 1,
COMBOT 16, AND
CONTESTANT 2,
MASTER WOLF,
PLEASE REMAIN--

THE REST OF YOU--
PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY
TO THE FIGHTERS' CORNER
UNTIL IT'S YOUR TIME.

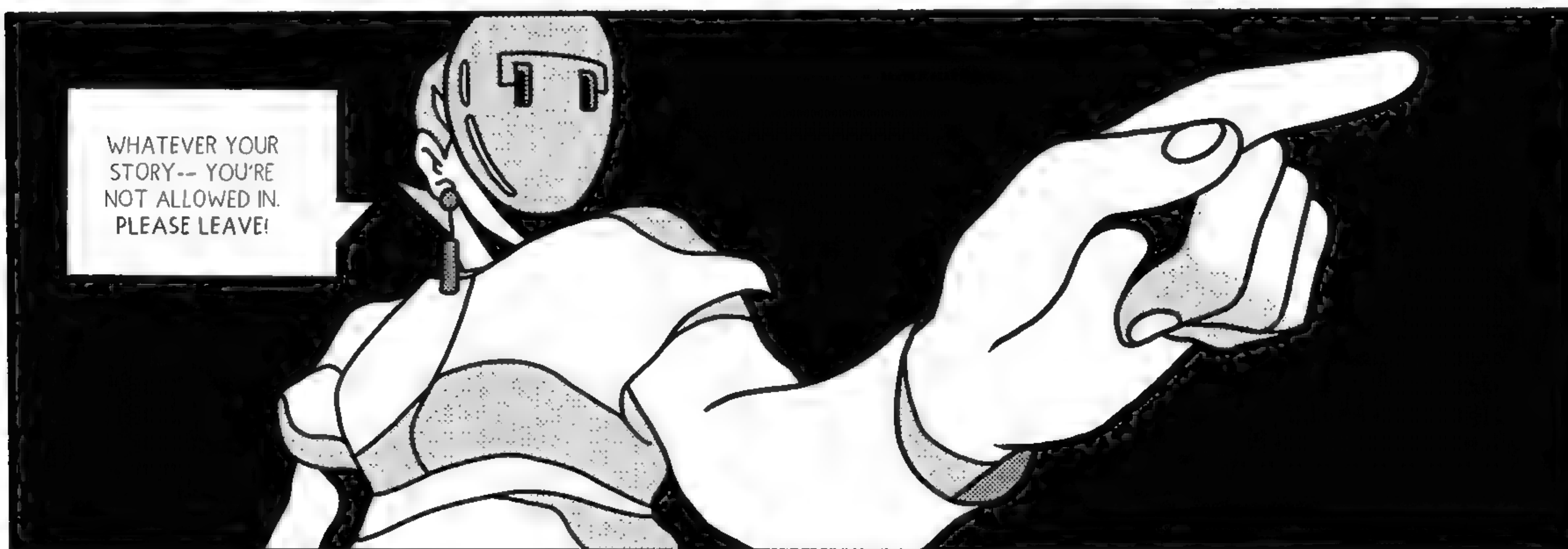
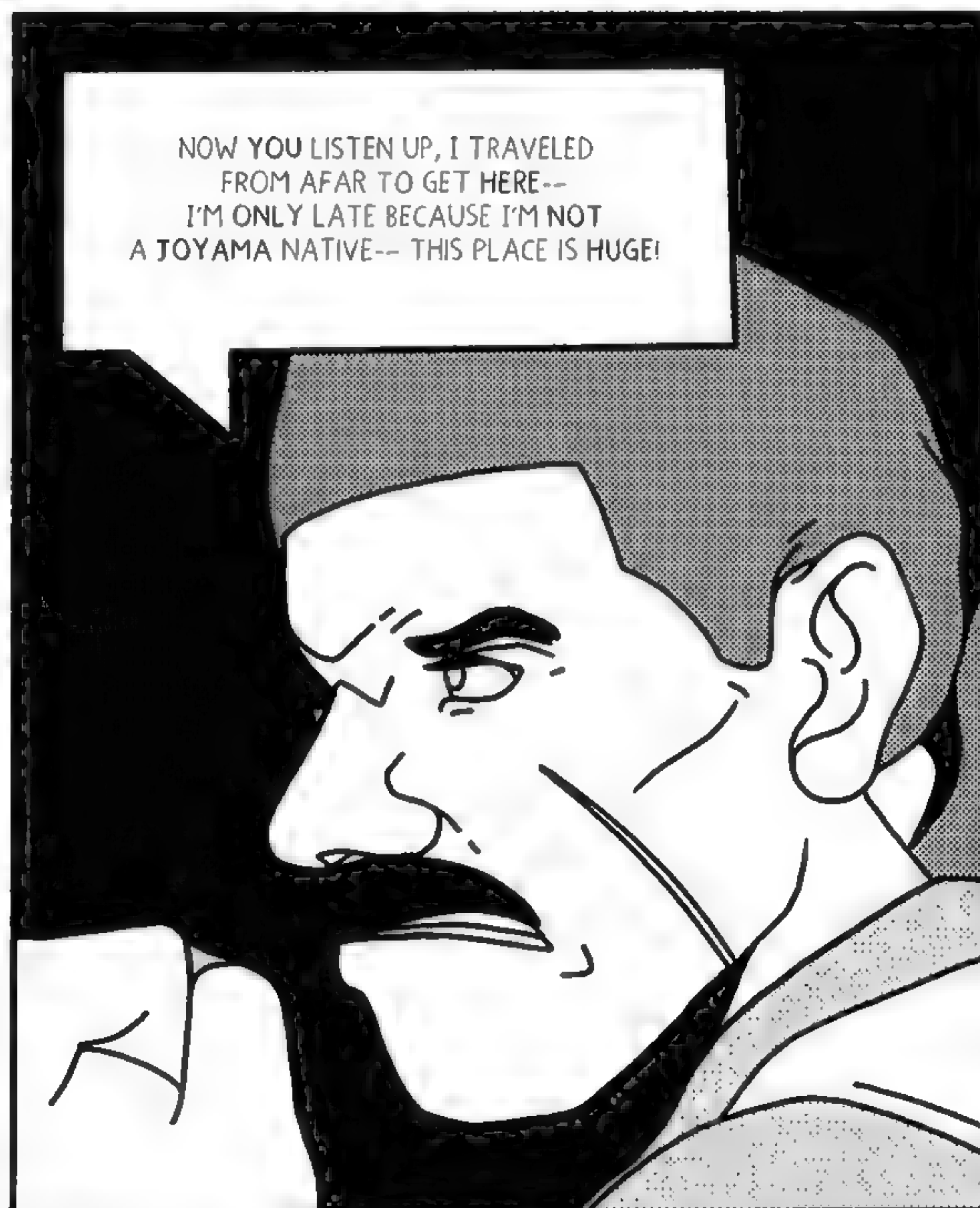


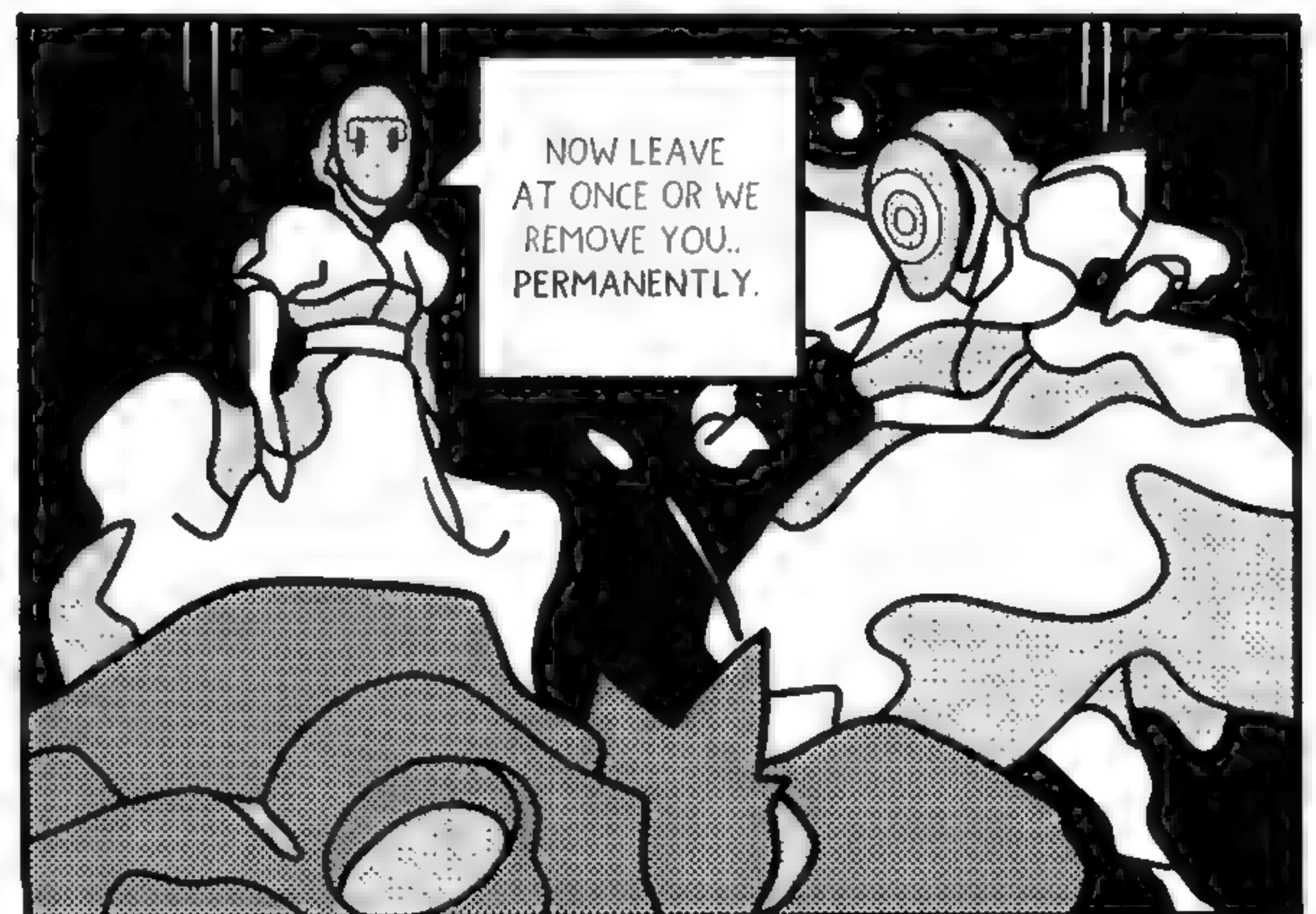
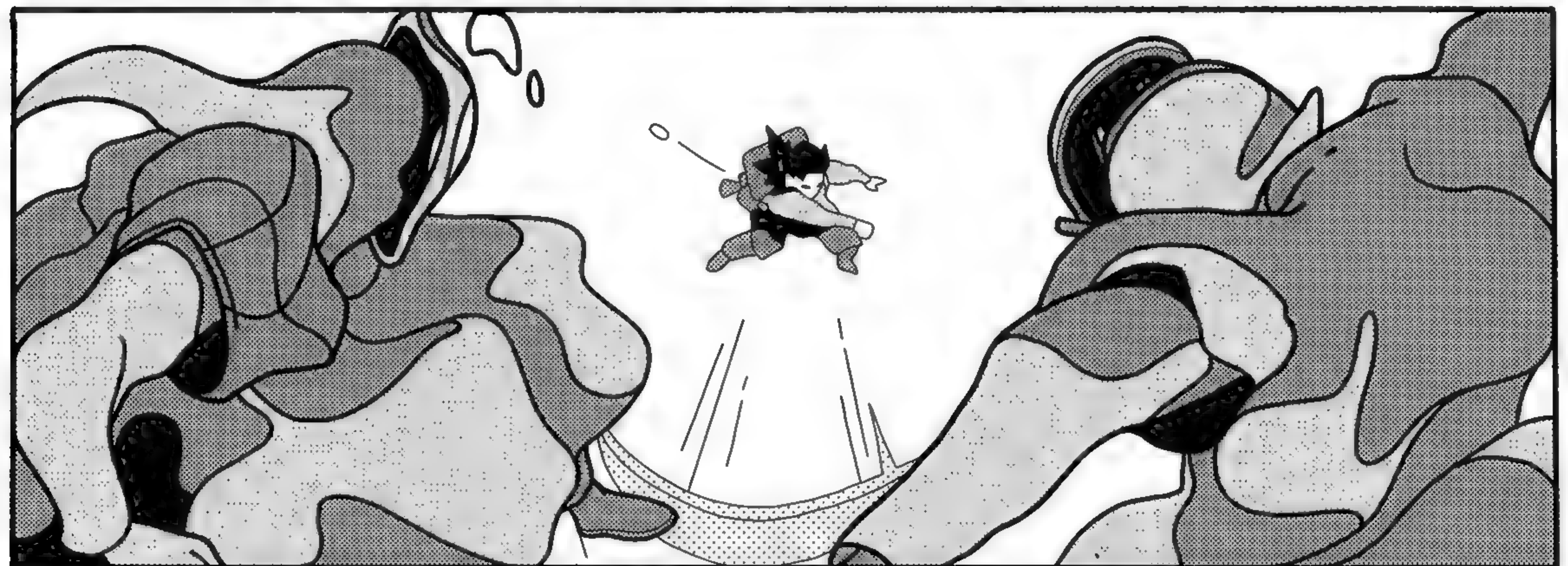
"EACH BOUT IS LIMITED
TO 10 MINUTES, IF
THERE'S NO KNOCKOUT
OR DEATH-- MOTHER
WILL DETERMINE
THE WINNER."

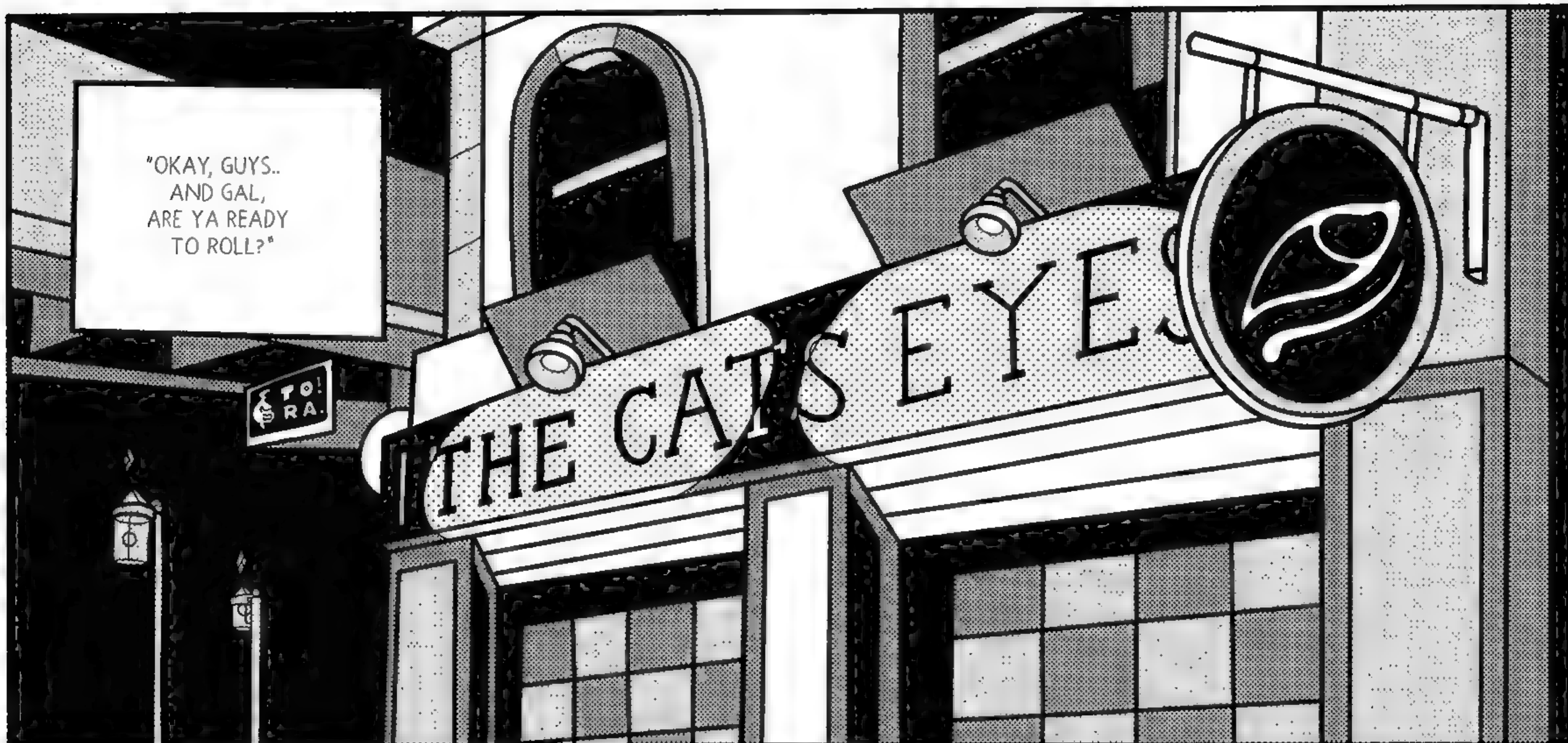


...AND FIGHTERS,
PLEASE
REMEMBER
TO FIGHT
HARD--

THIS EDITION OF
THE TOURNAMENT IS
THE **FIRST** TO BE AIRED
LIVE THROUGHOUT
JOYAMA-- SO TRY NOT
TO EMBARRASS
YOURSELVES







"OKAY, GUYS..
AND GAL,
ARE YA READY
TO ROLL?"



Y-YEAH,
I GUESS SO?



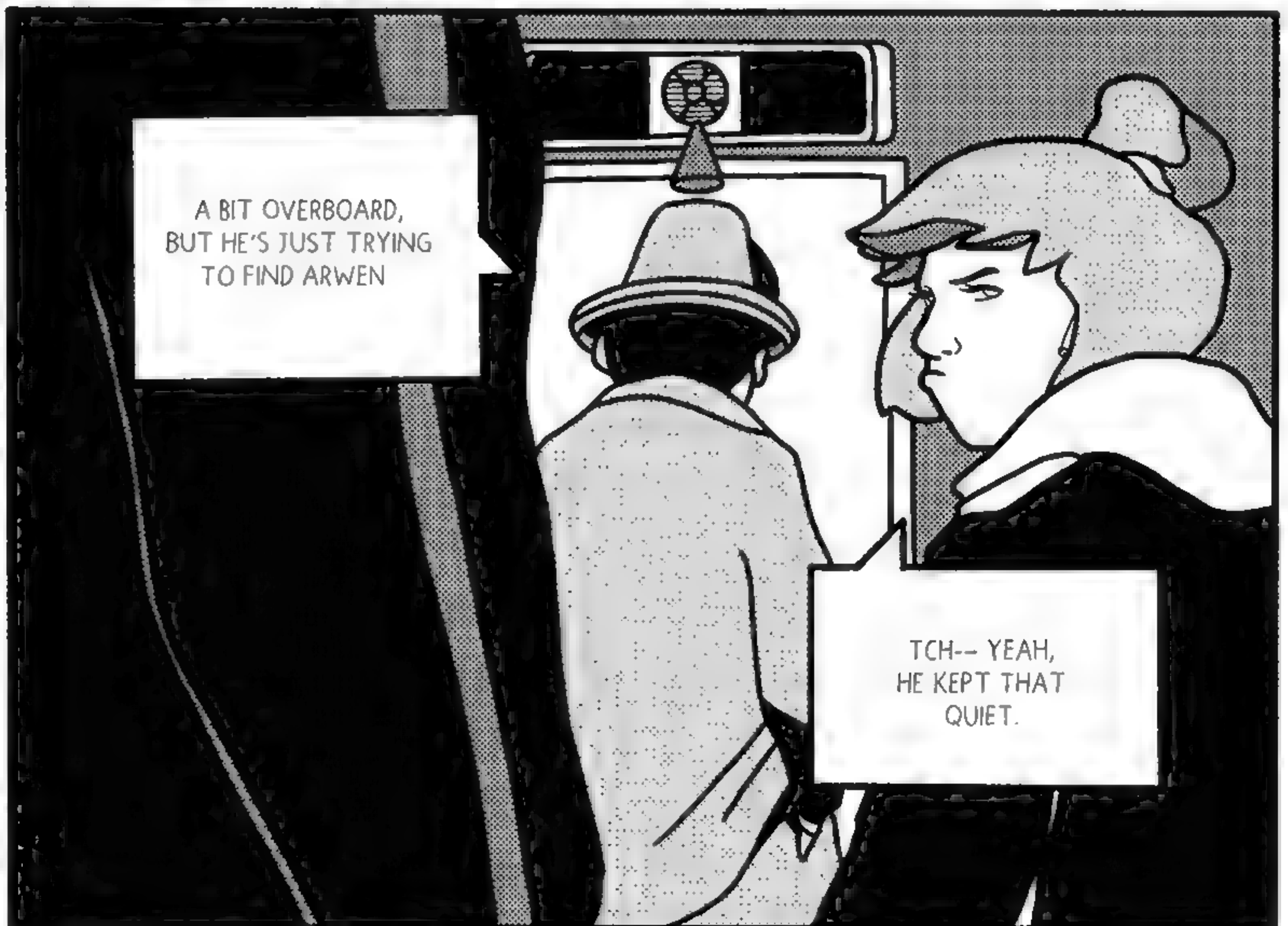
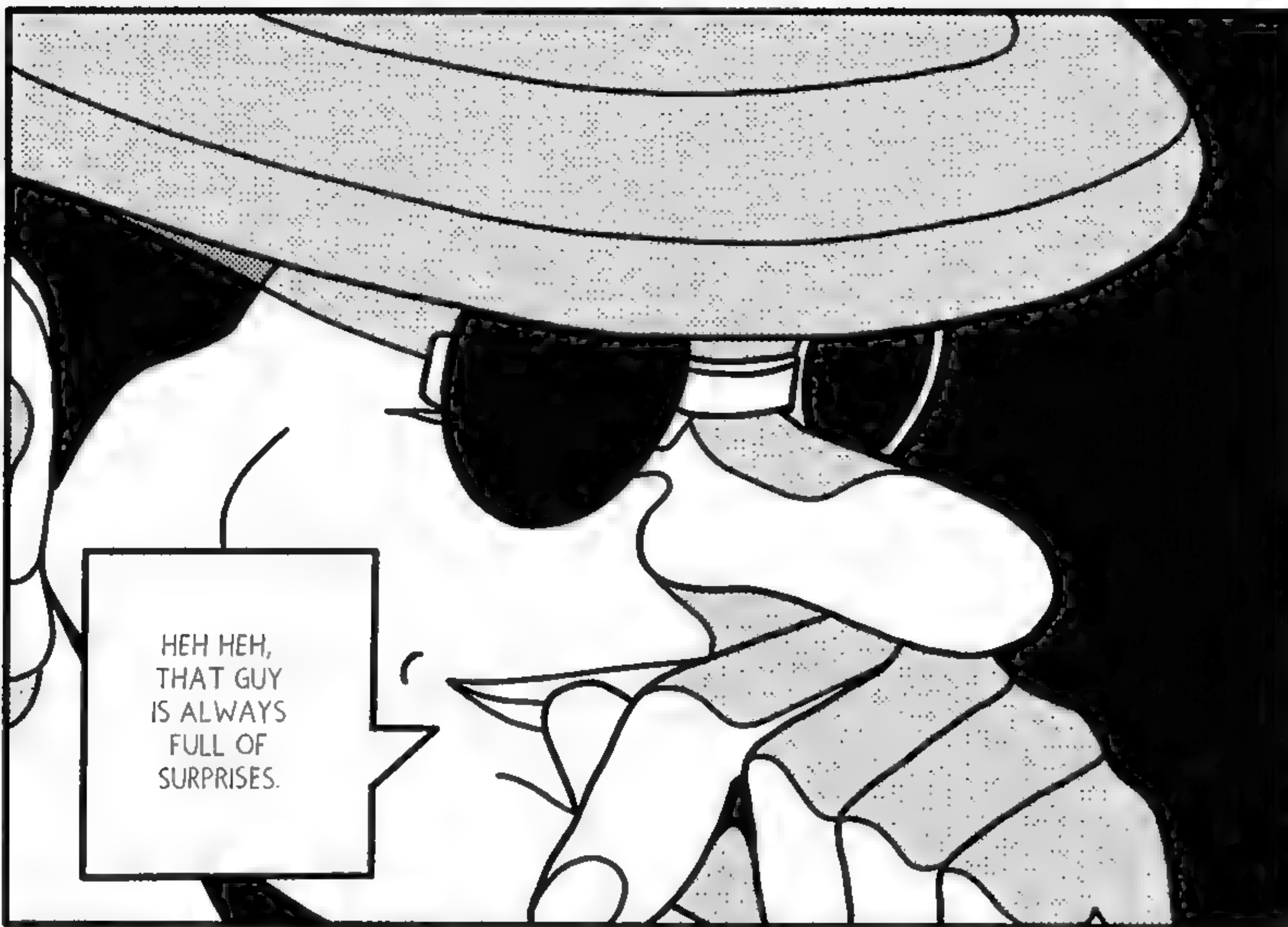
GOOD, BECAUSE THINGS
MAY GET A LITTLE ROUGH
OUT THERE IF WE GET
THIS WRONG.



WAIT A SEC--
ISN'T THAT
RINGO ON TV?

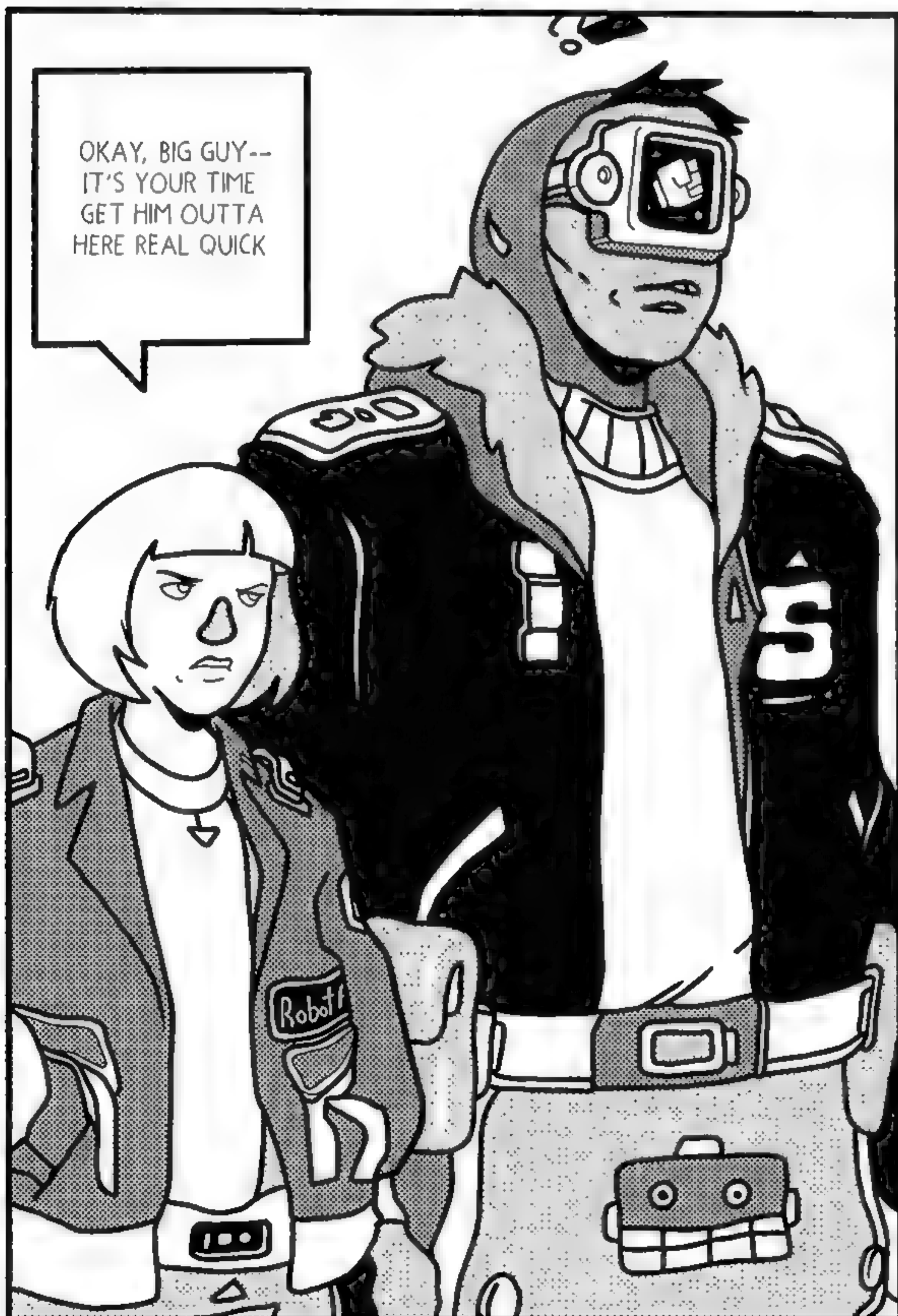


HUH?





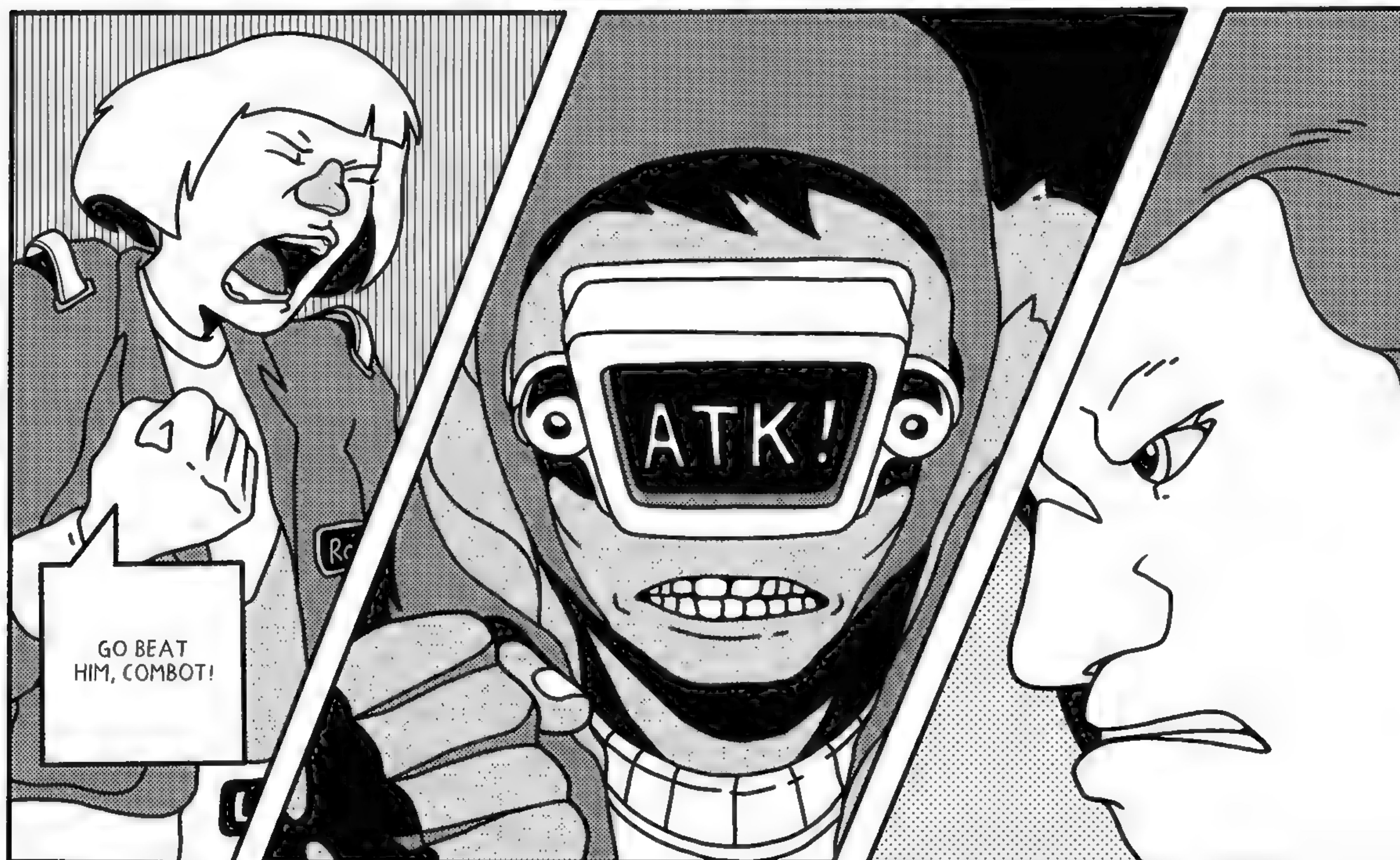
PREPARE FOR
BATTLE!



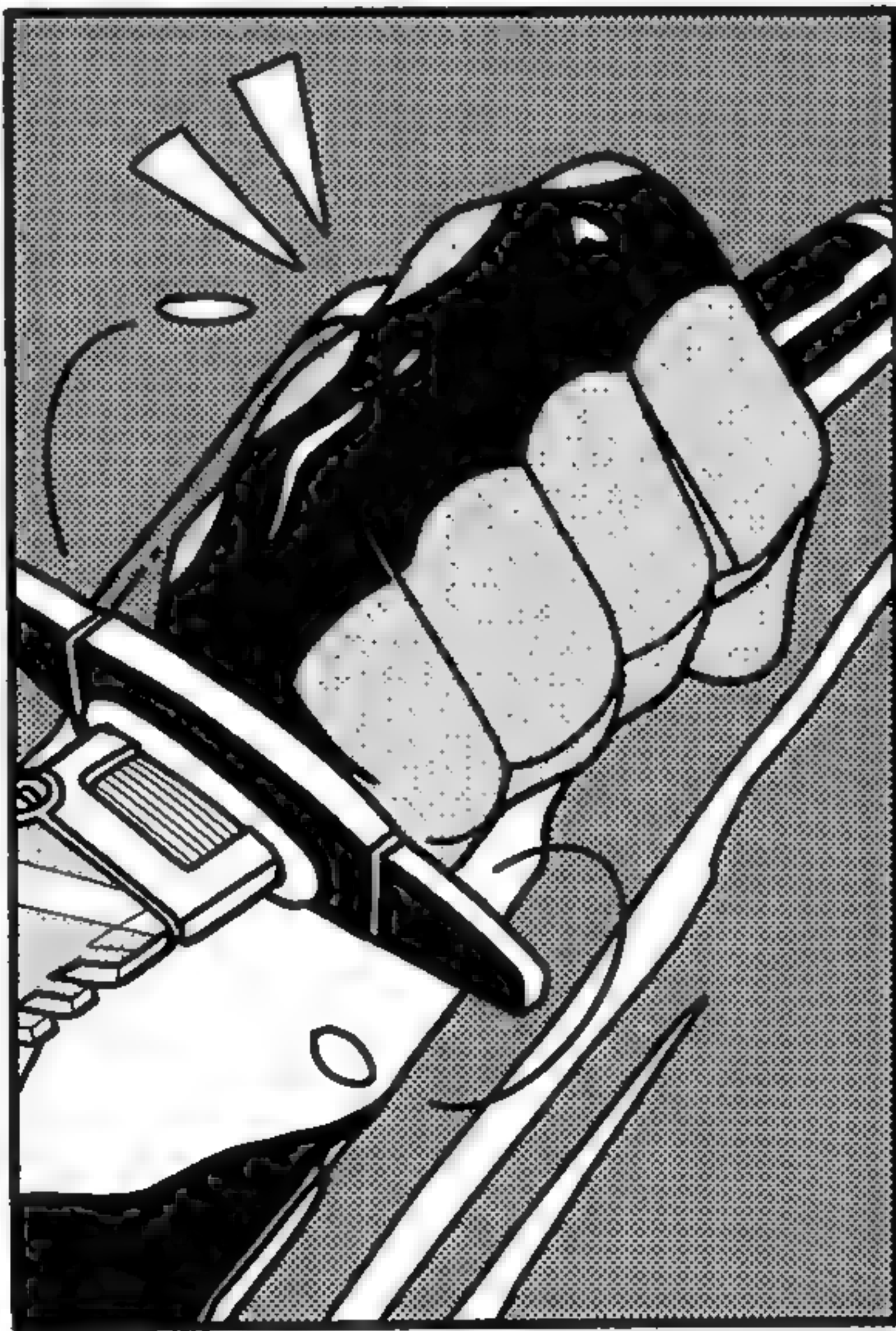
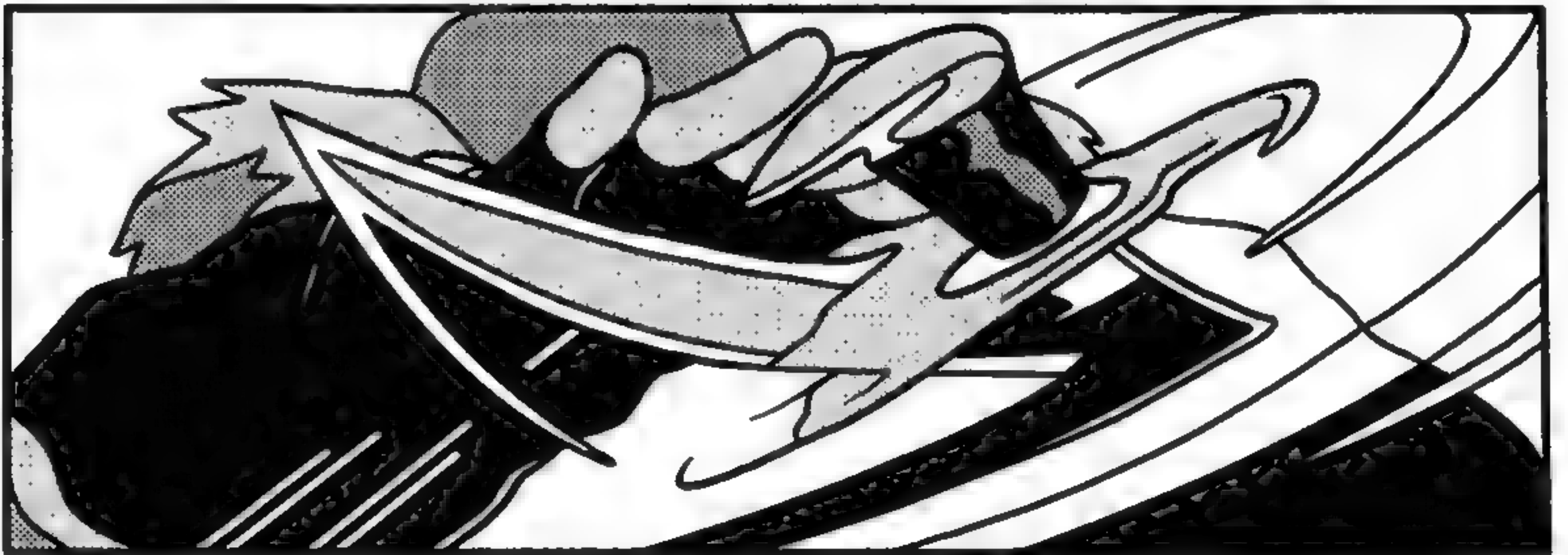
OKAY, BIG GUY--
IT'S YOUR TIME
GET HIM OUTTA
HERE REAL QUICK



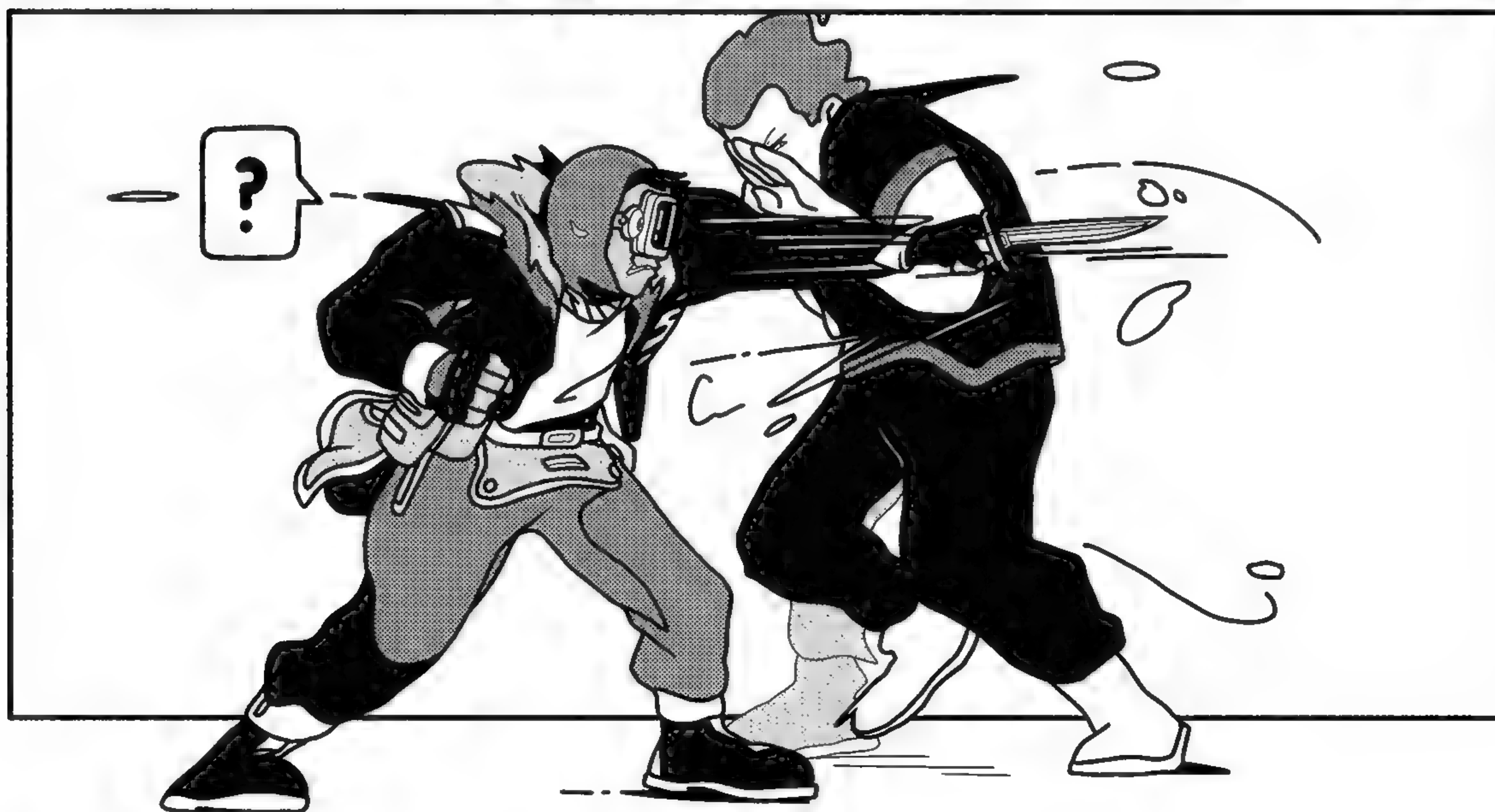
FIRST ROUND WITH
A CYBORG? HEH HEH,
LIGHT WORK!

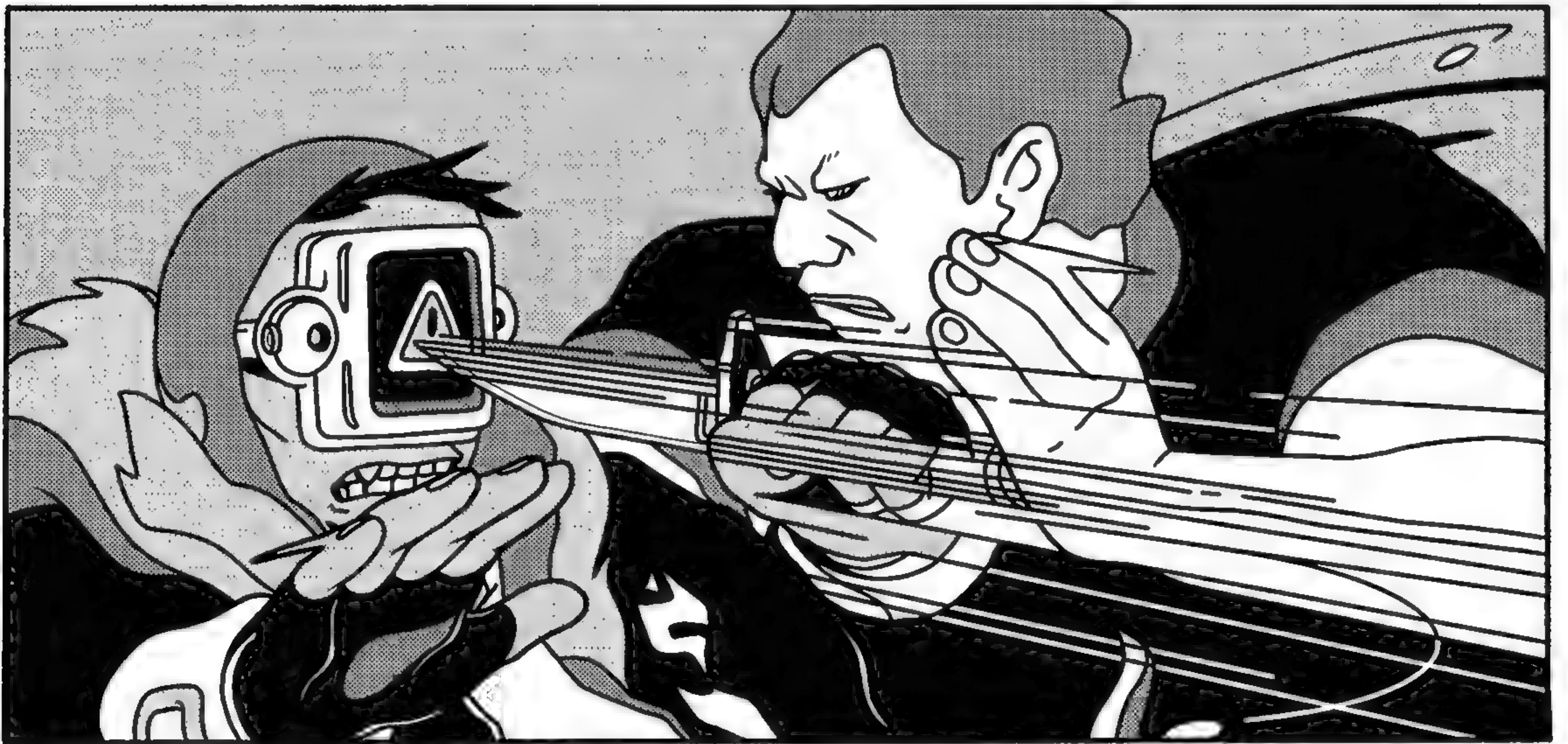
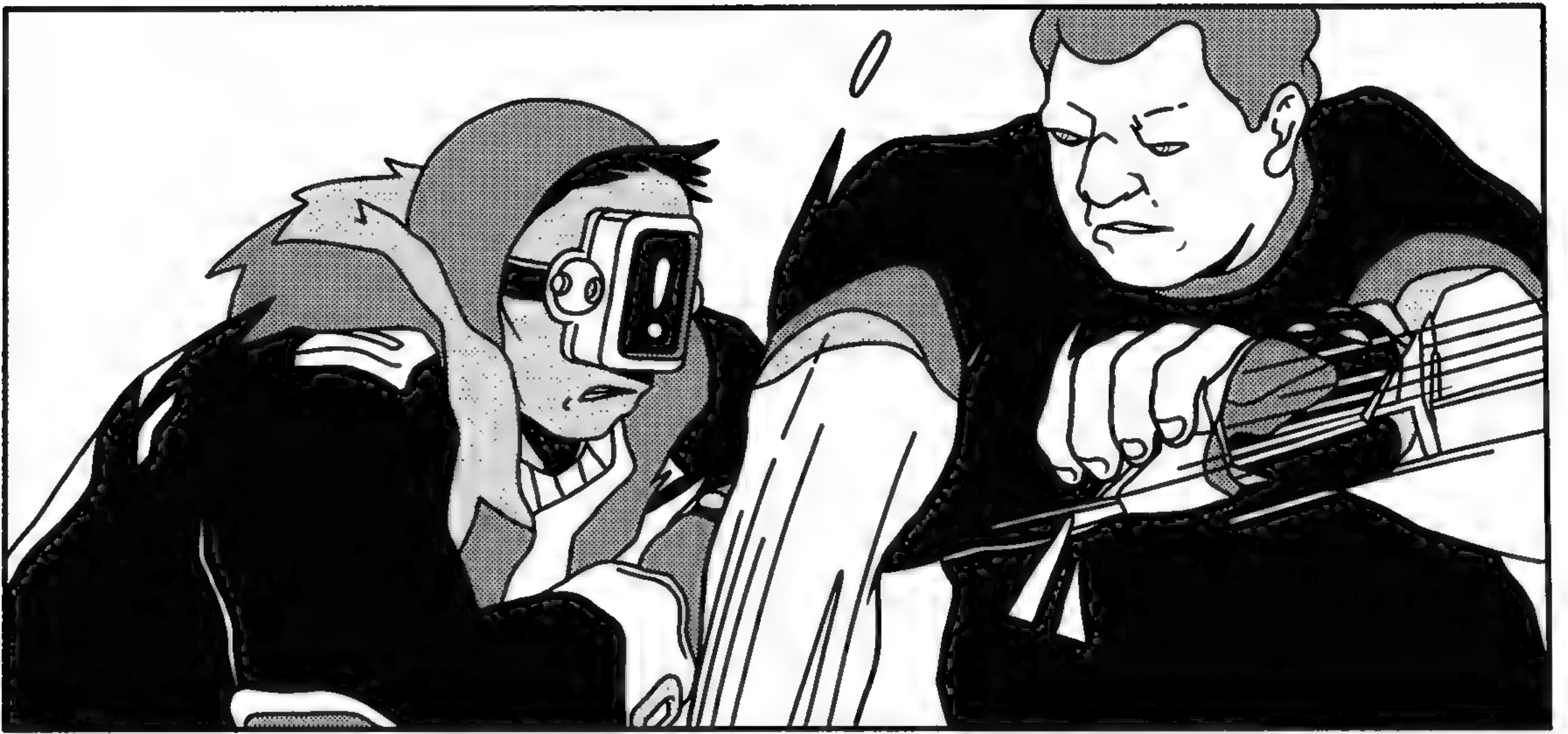


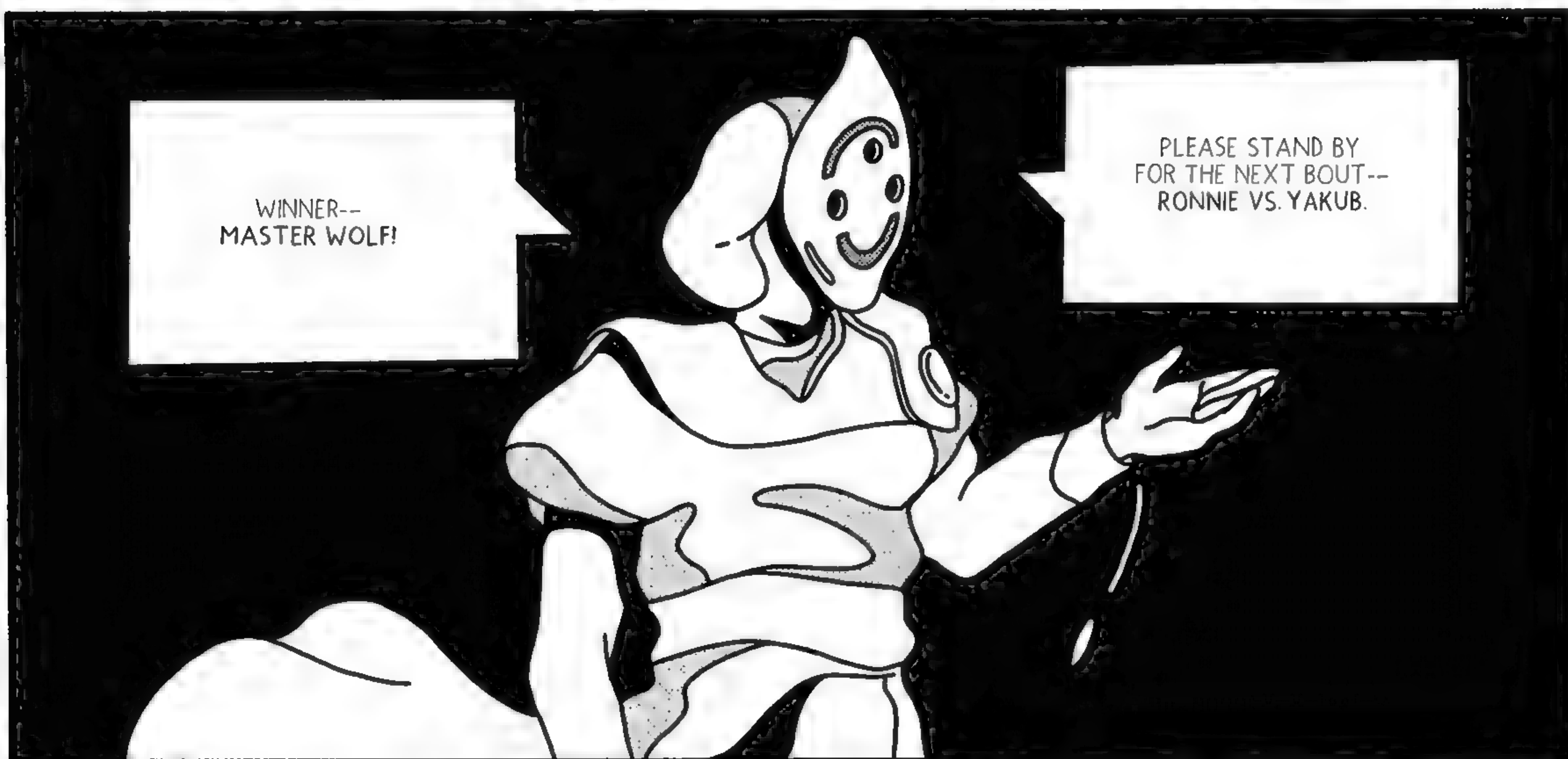
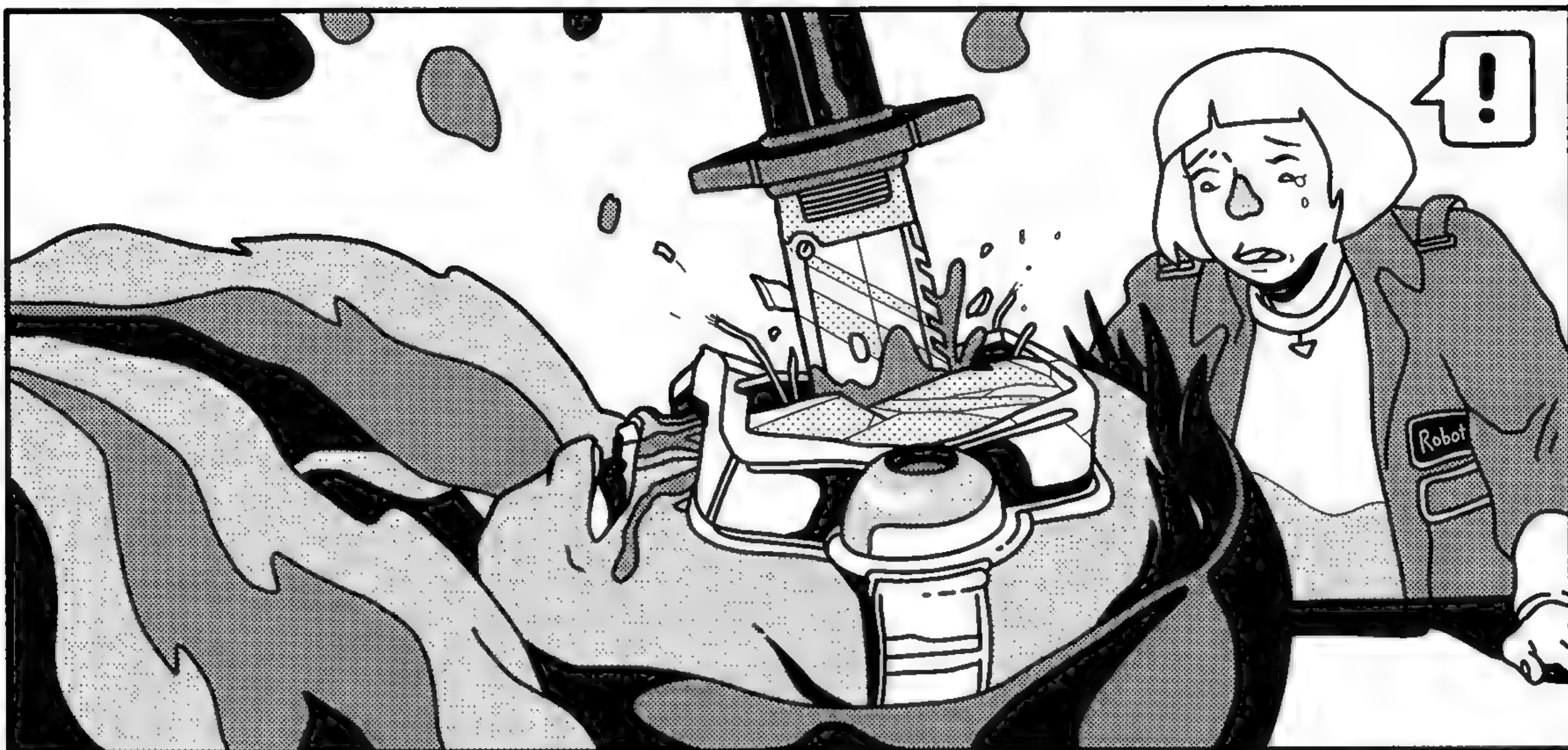


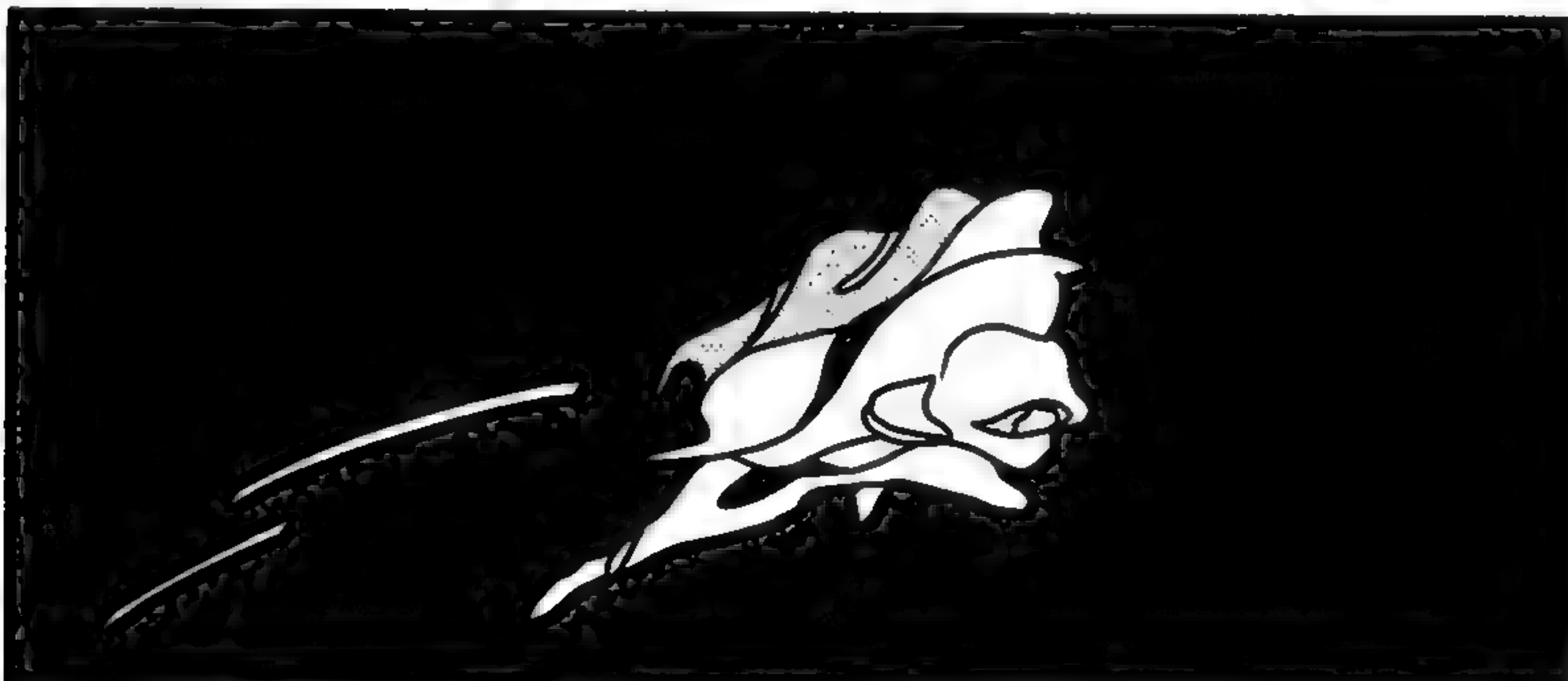
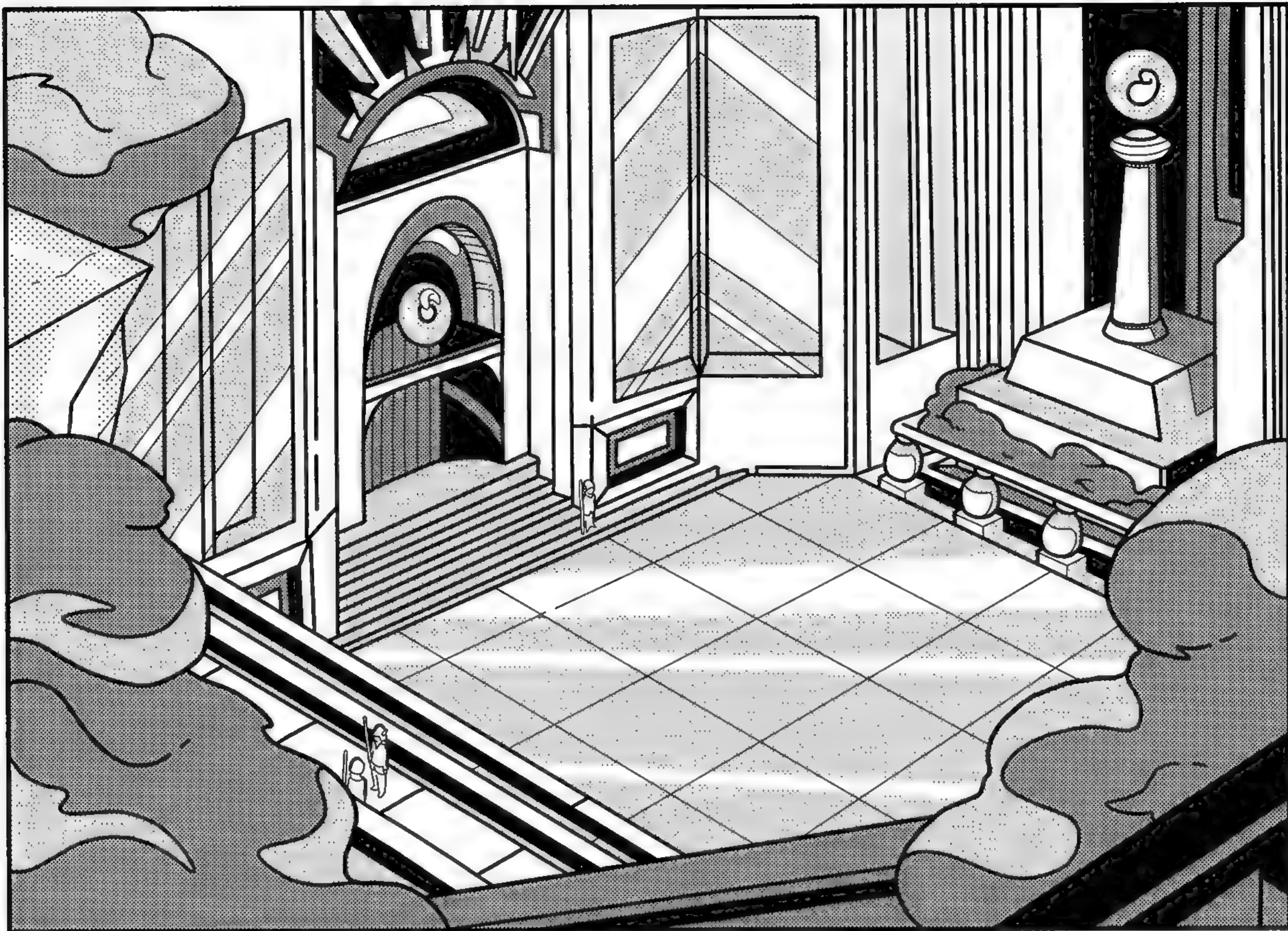


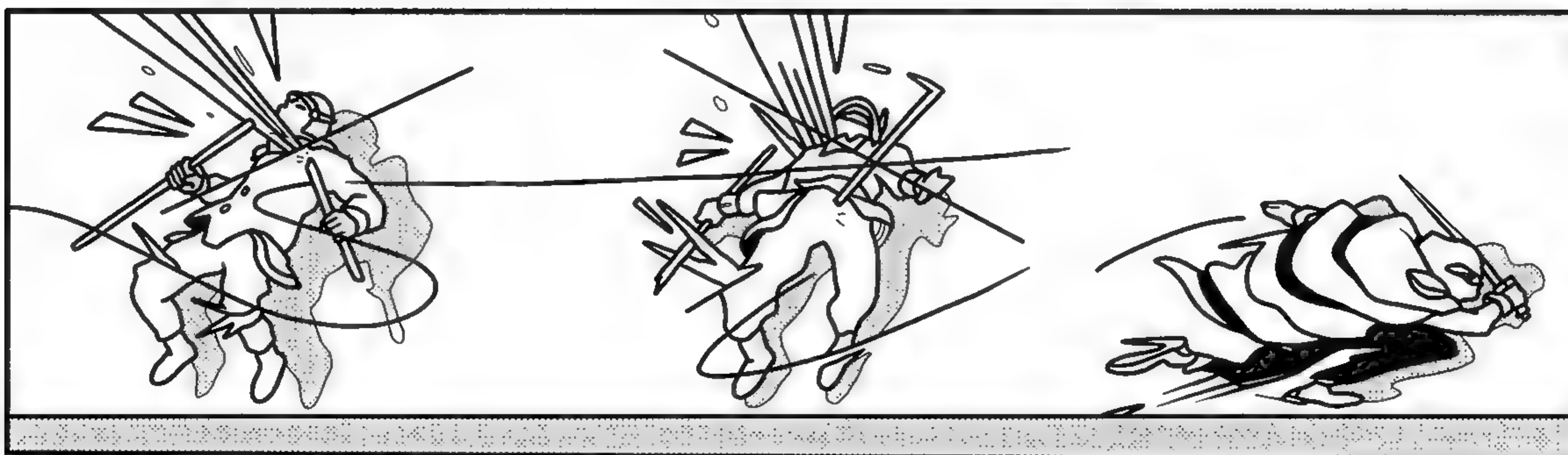
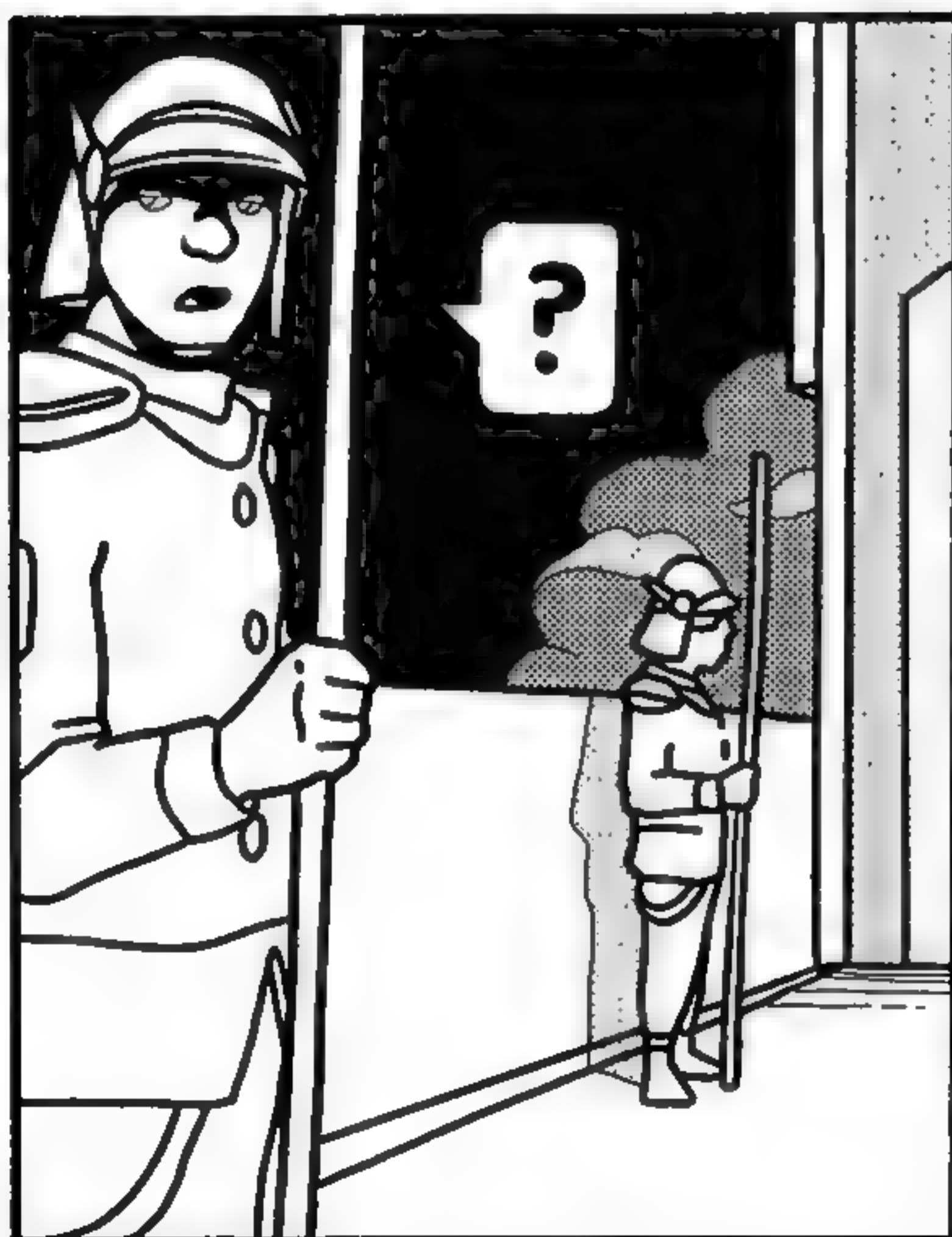
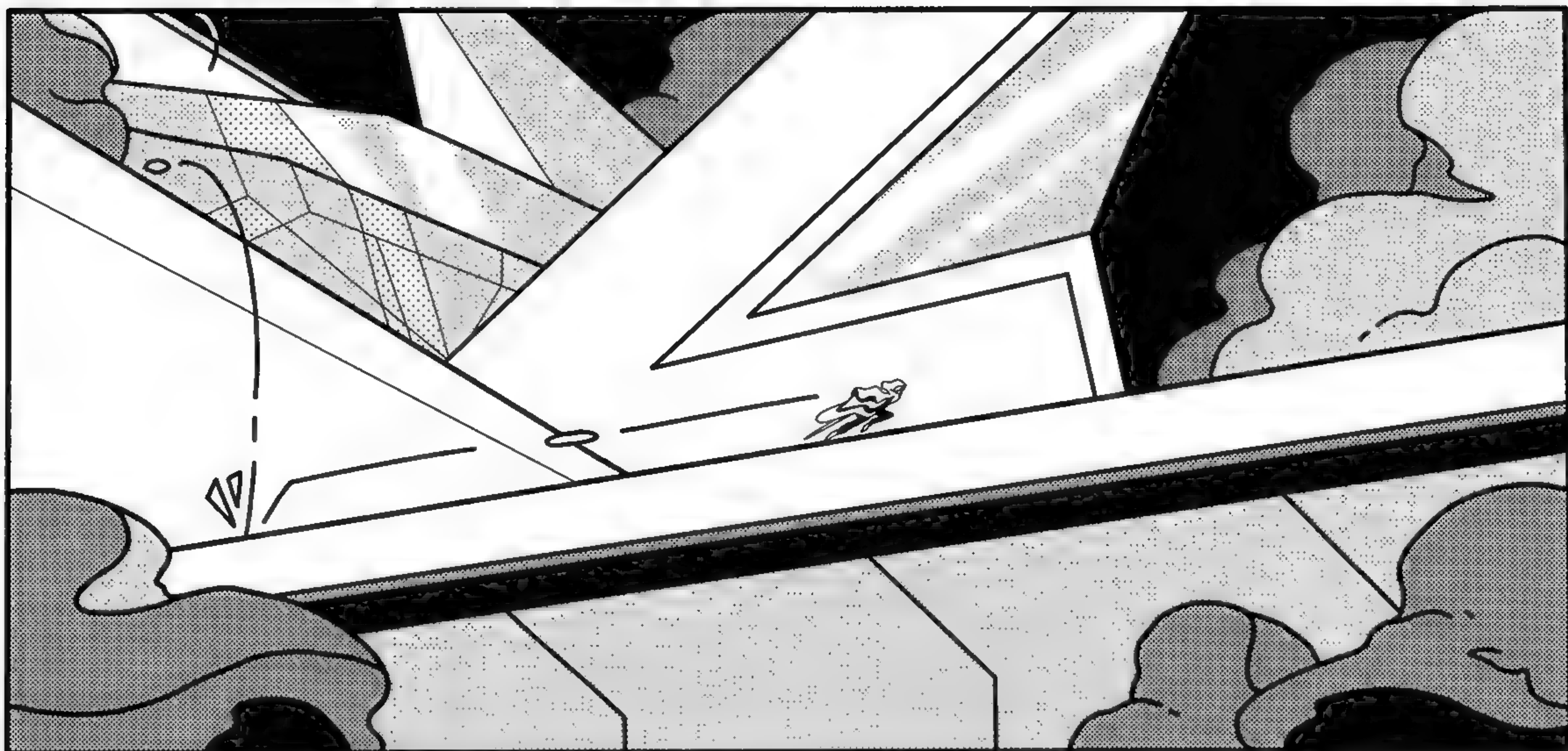


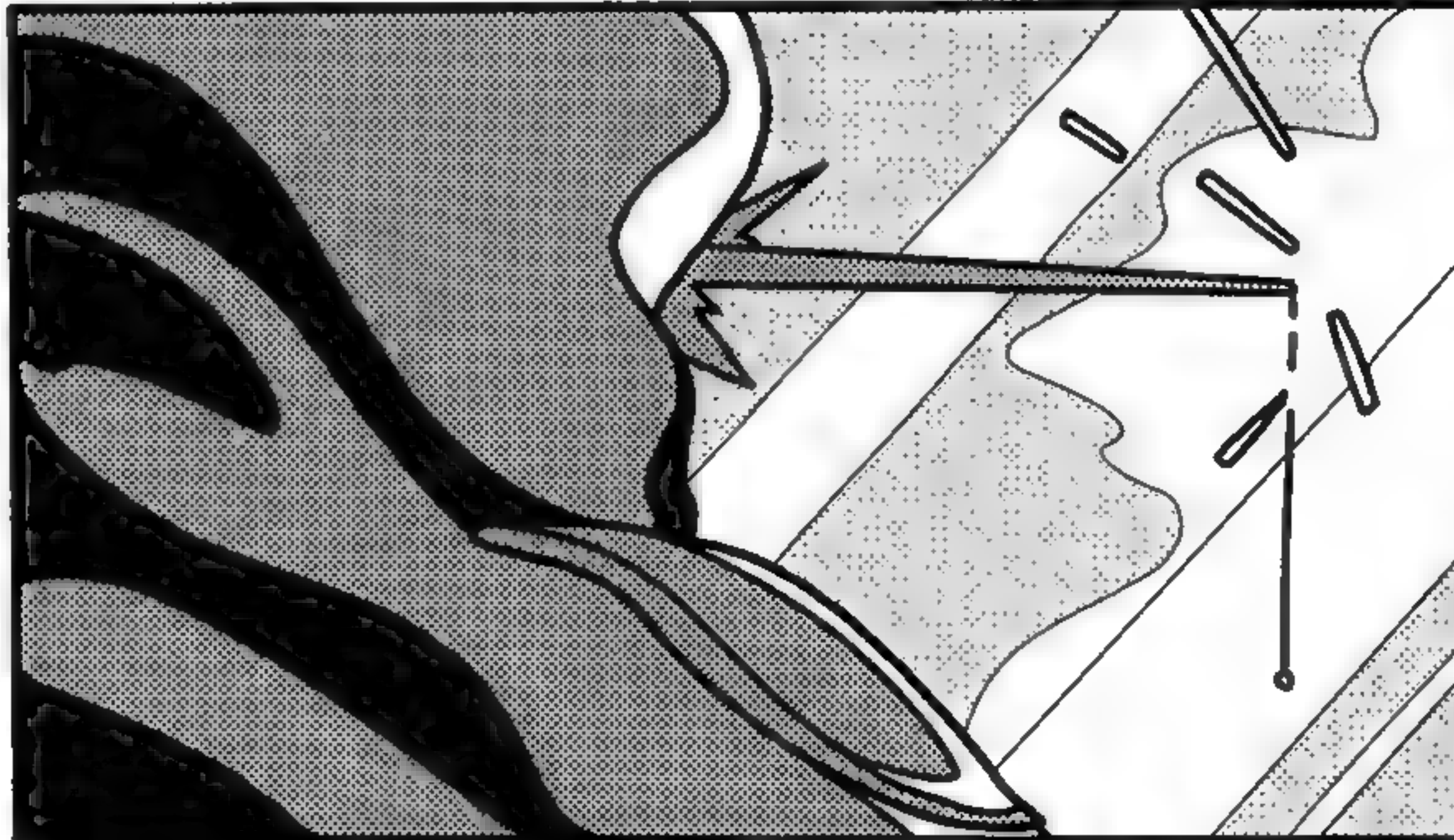
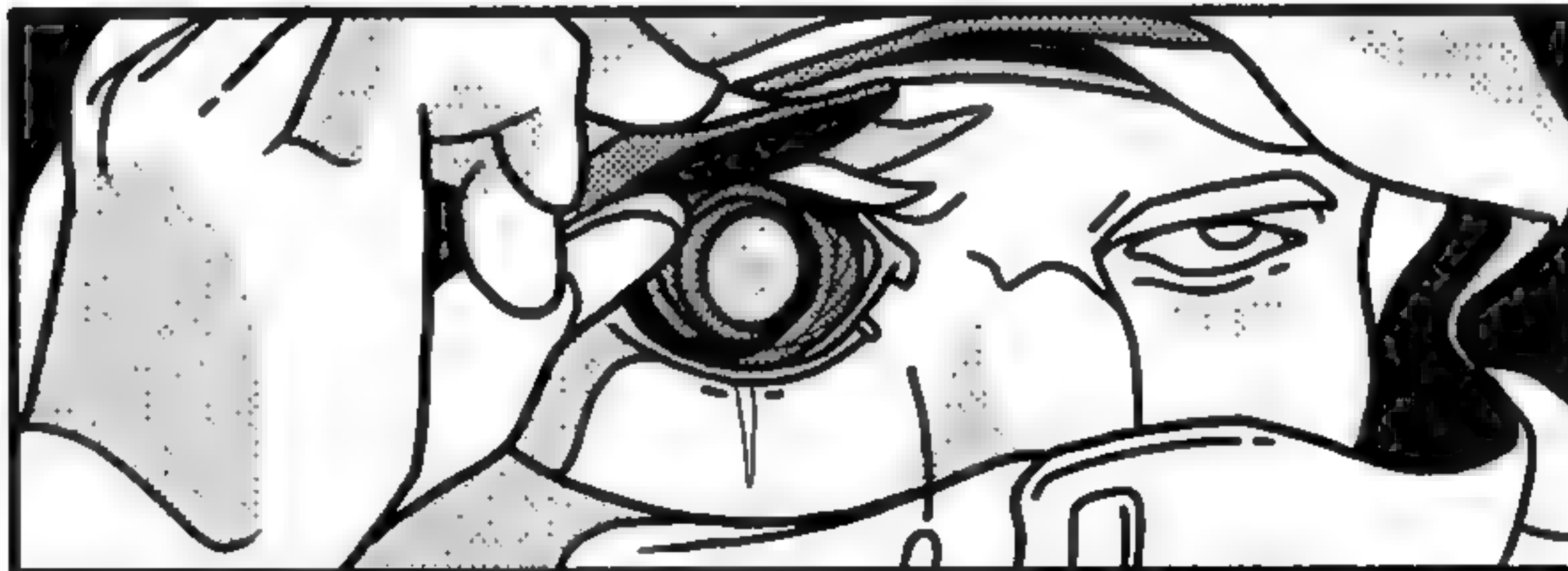
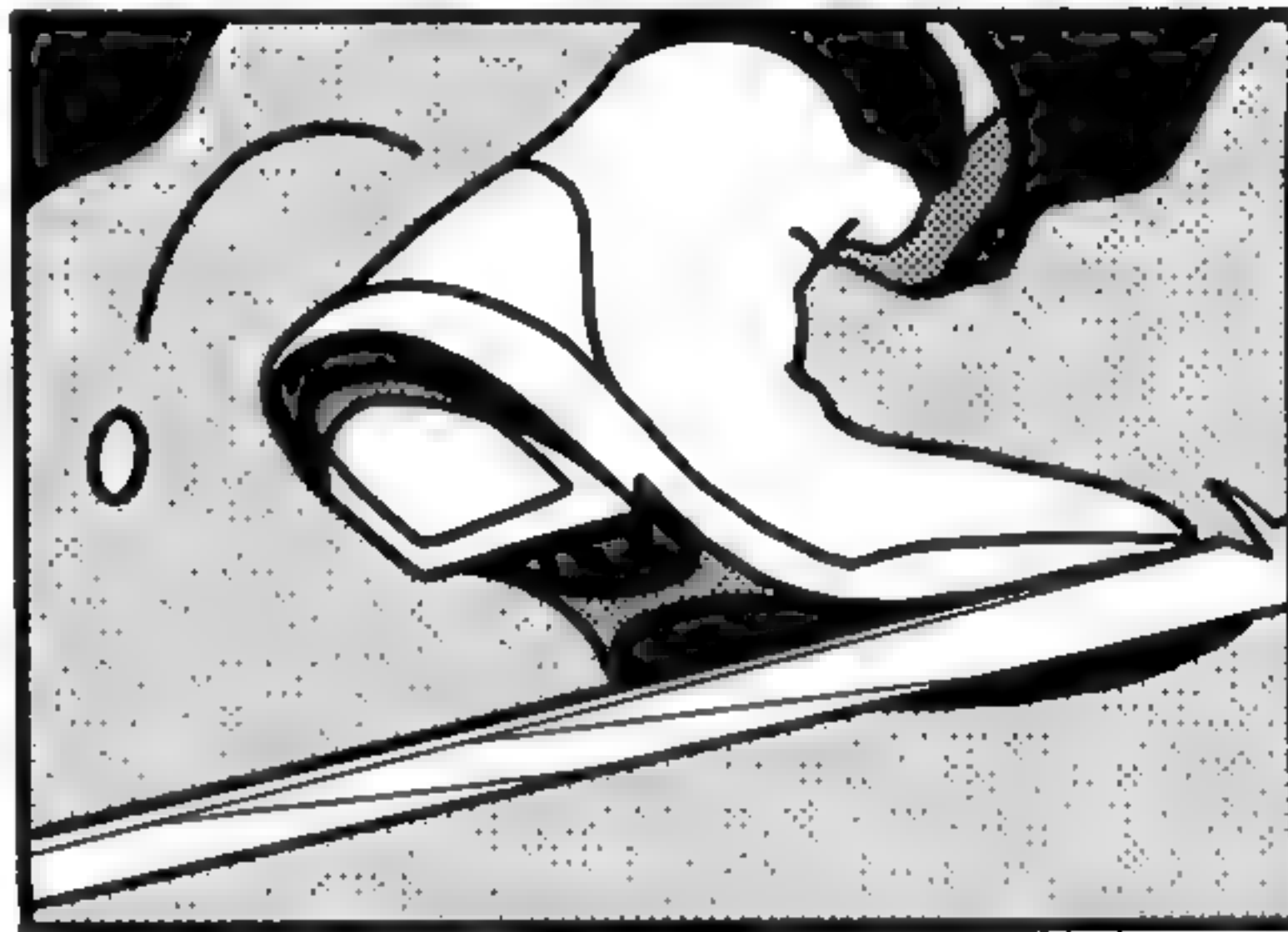
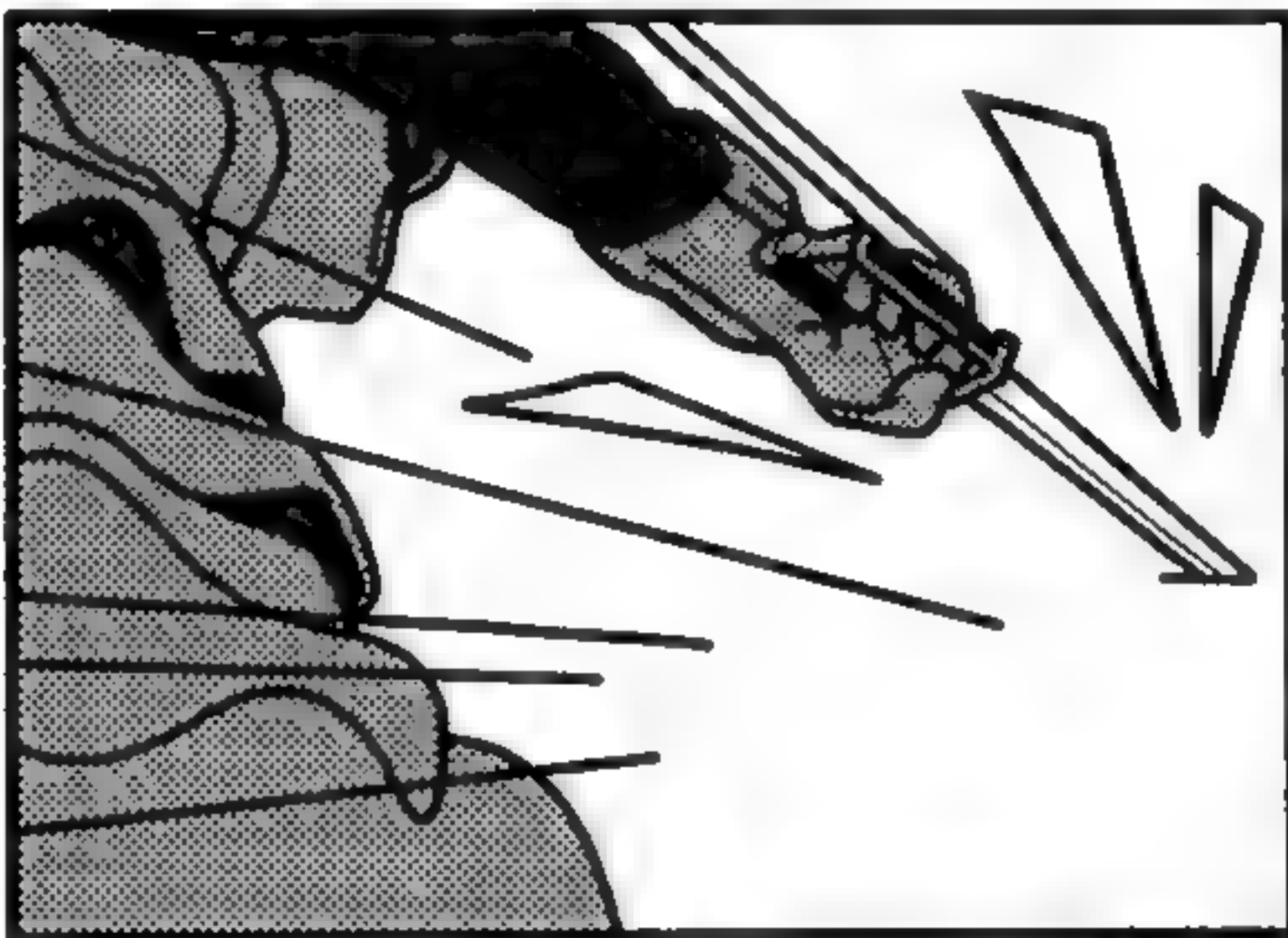
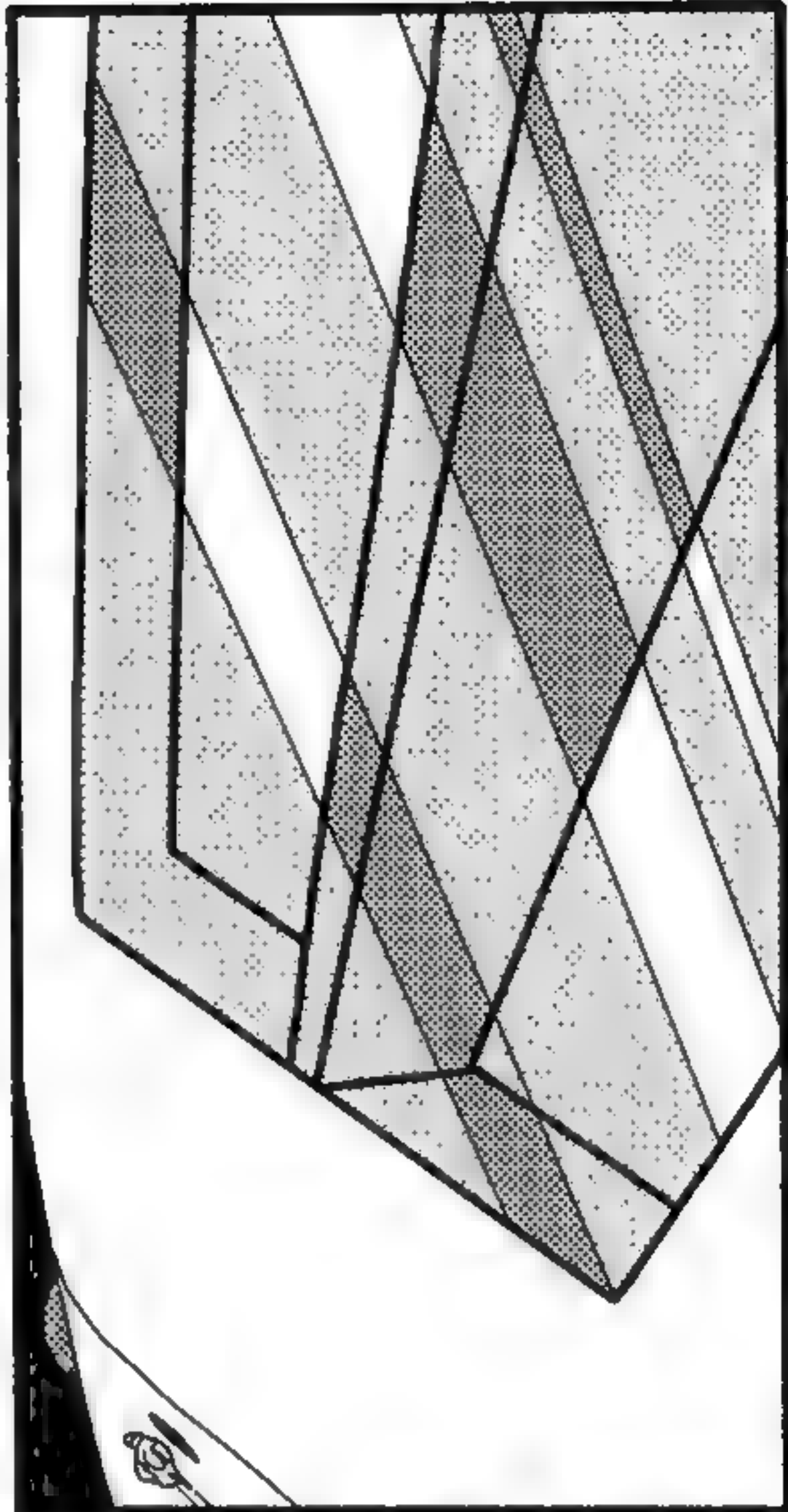
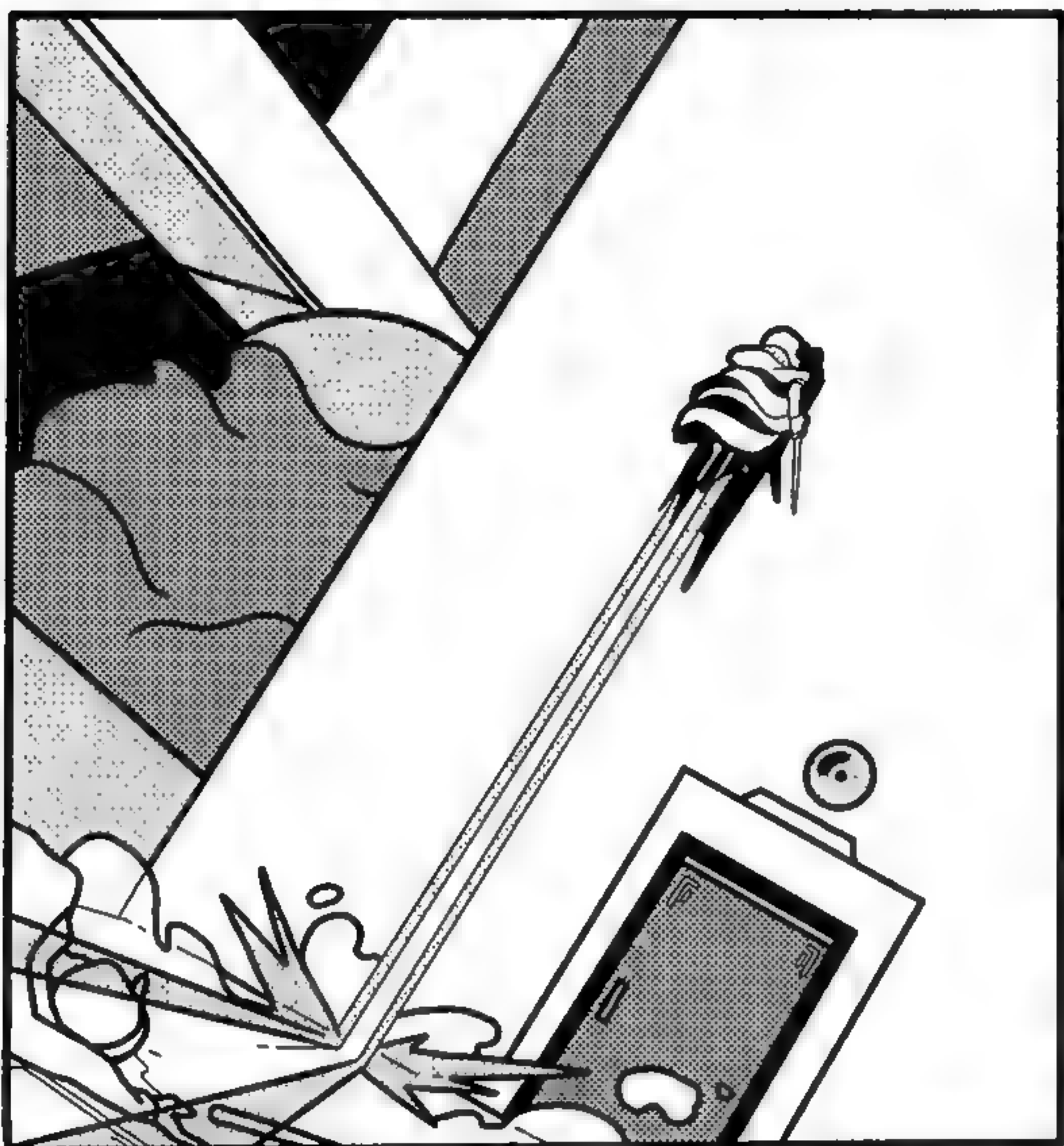


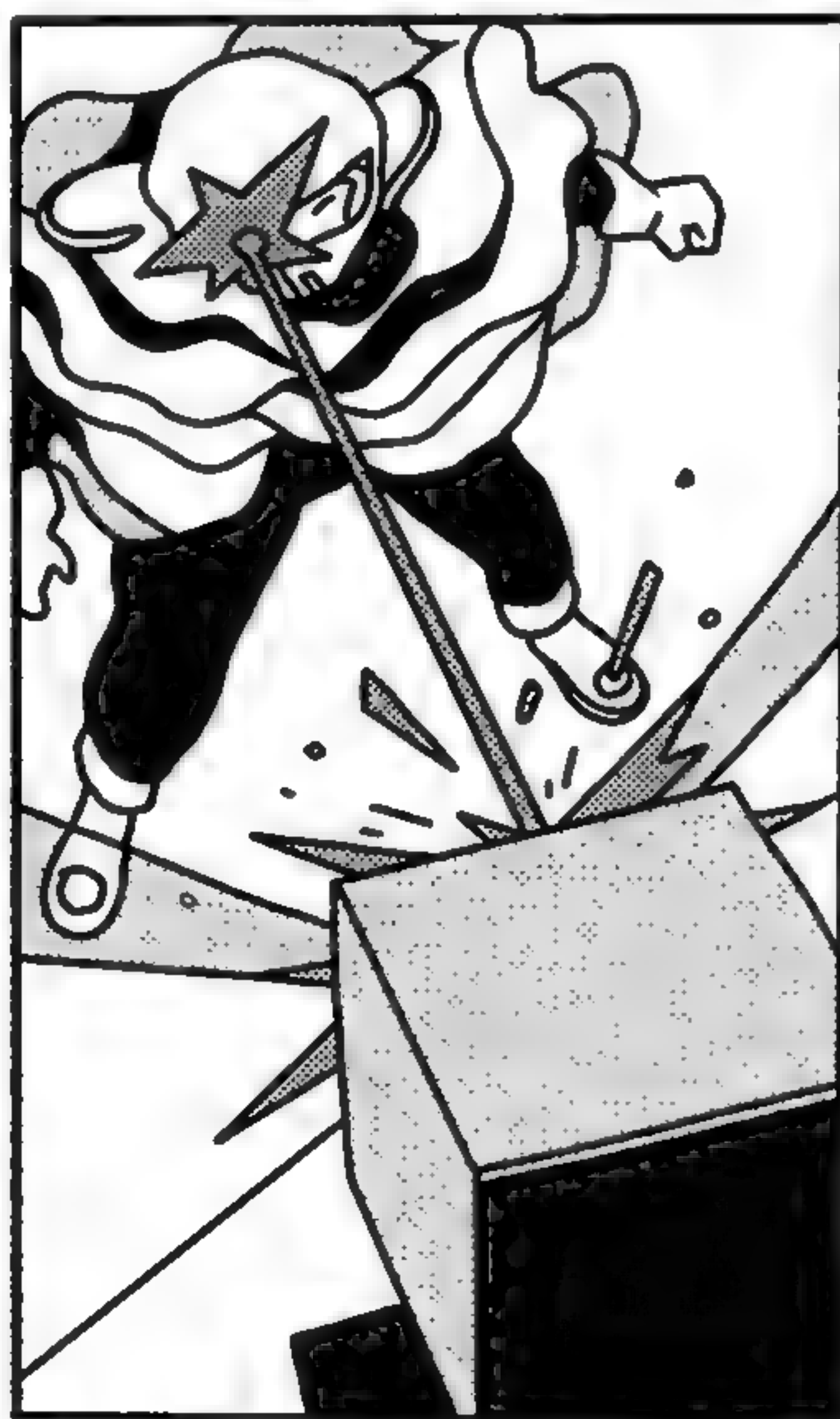
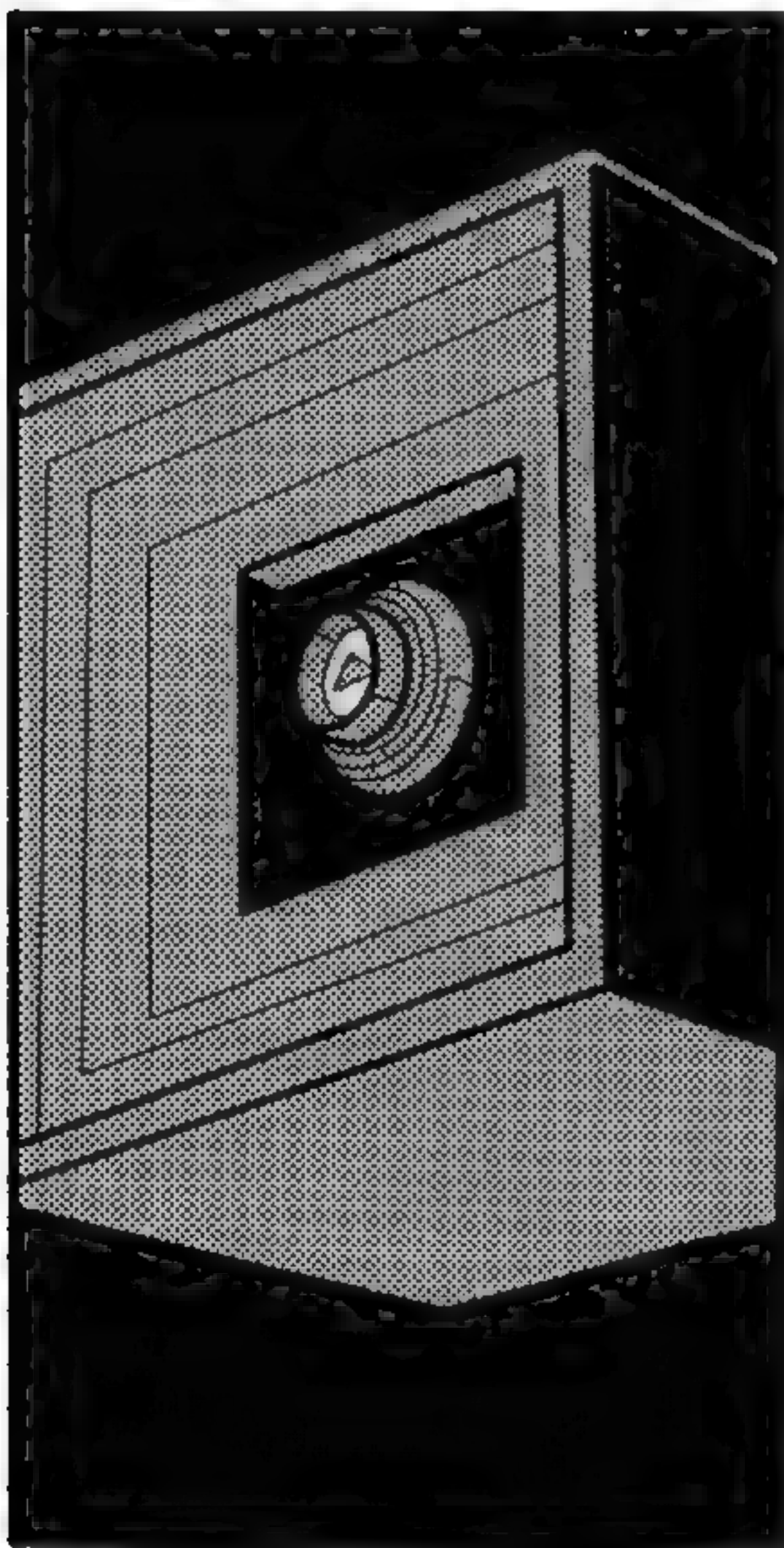
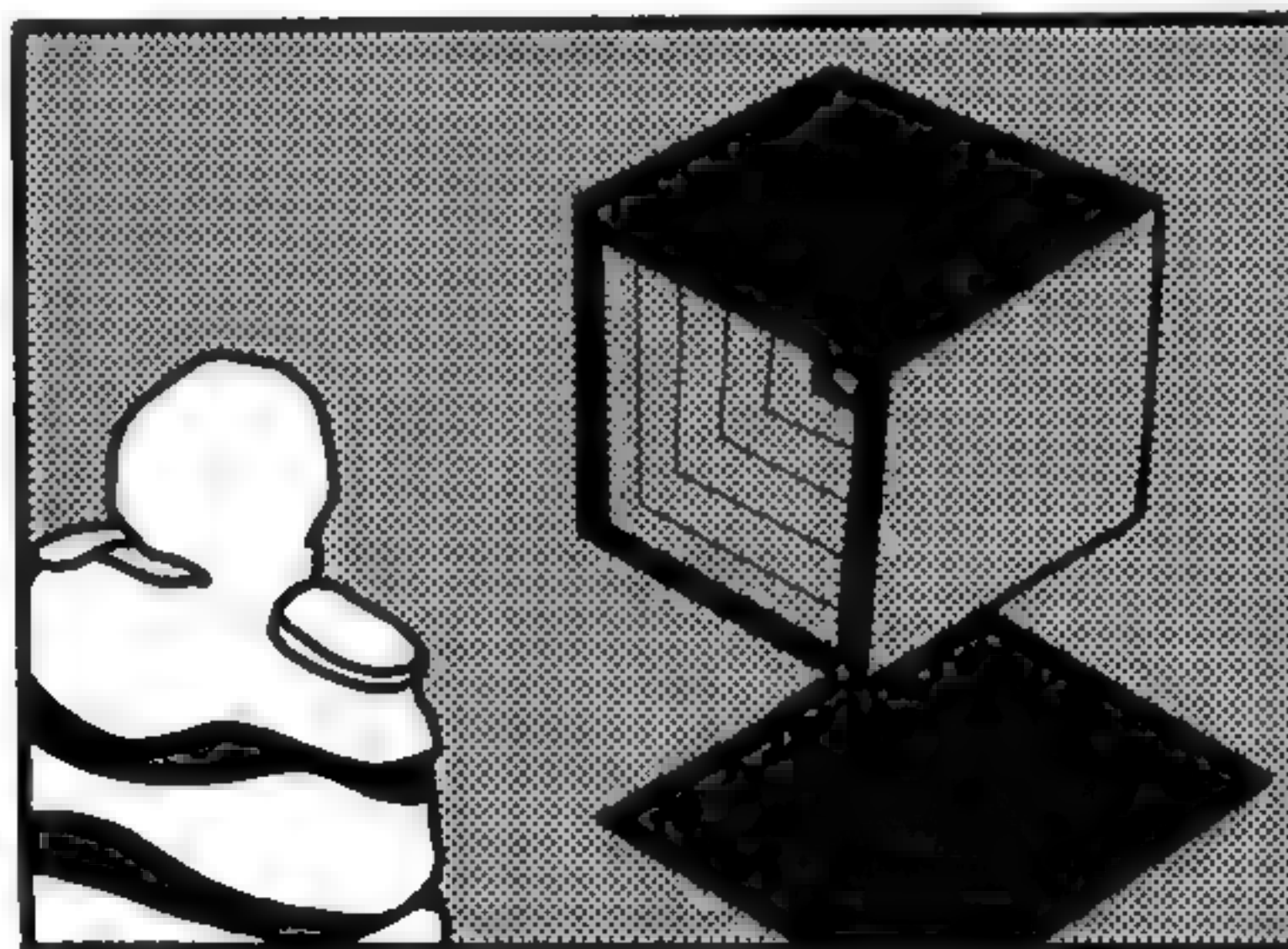
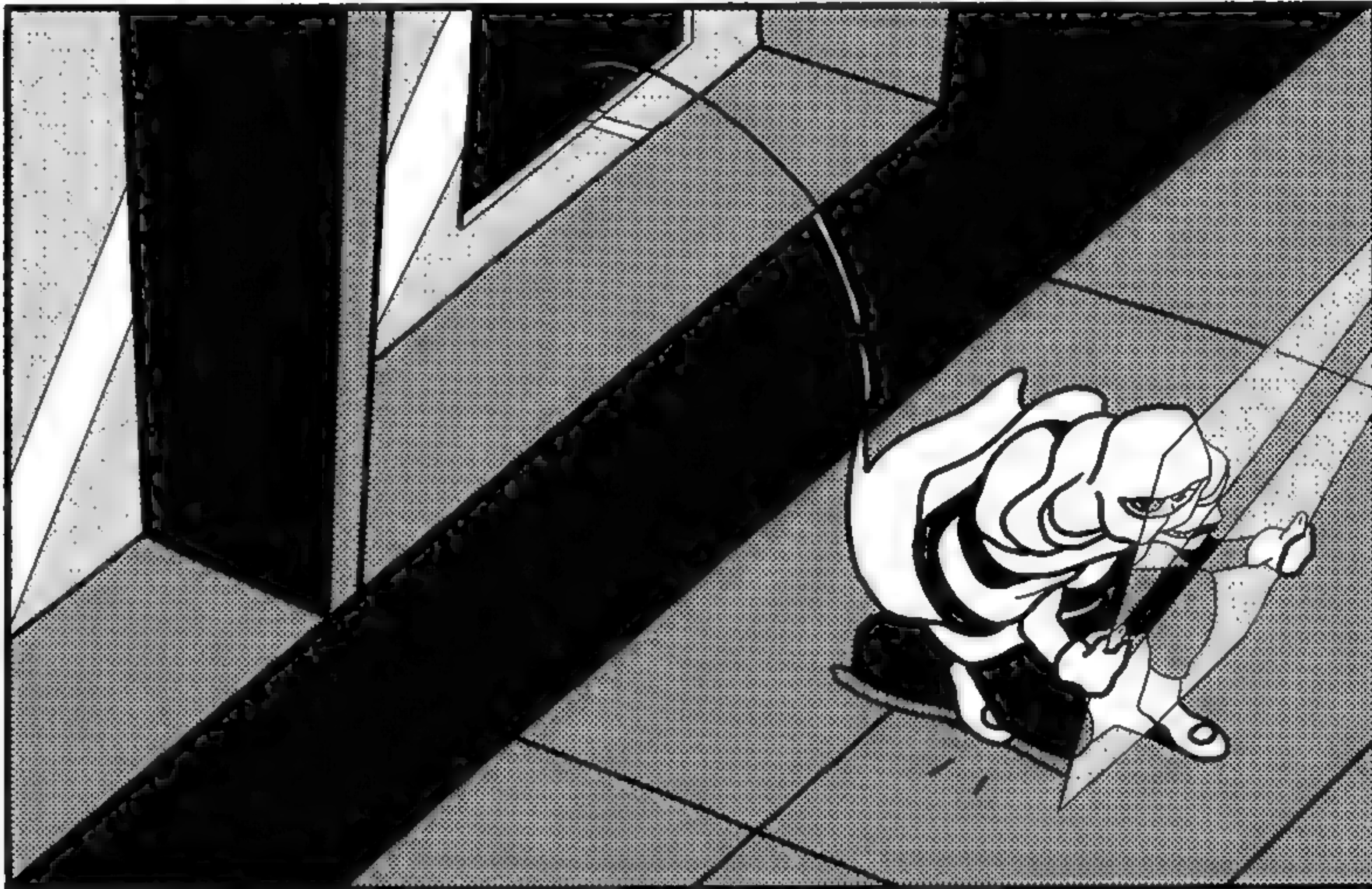
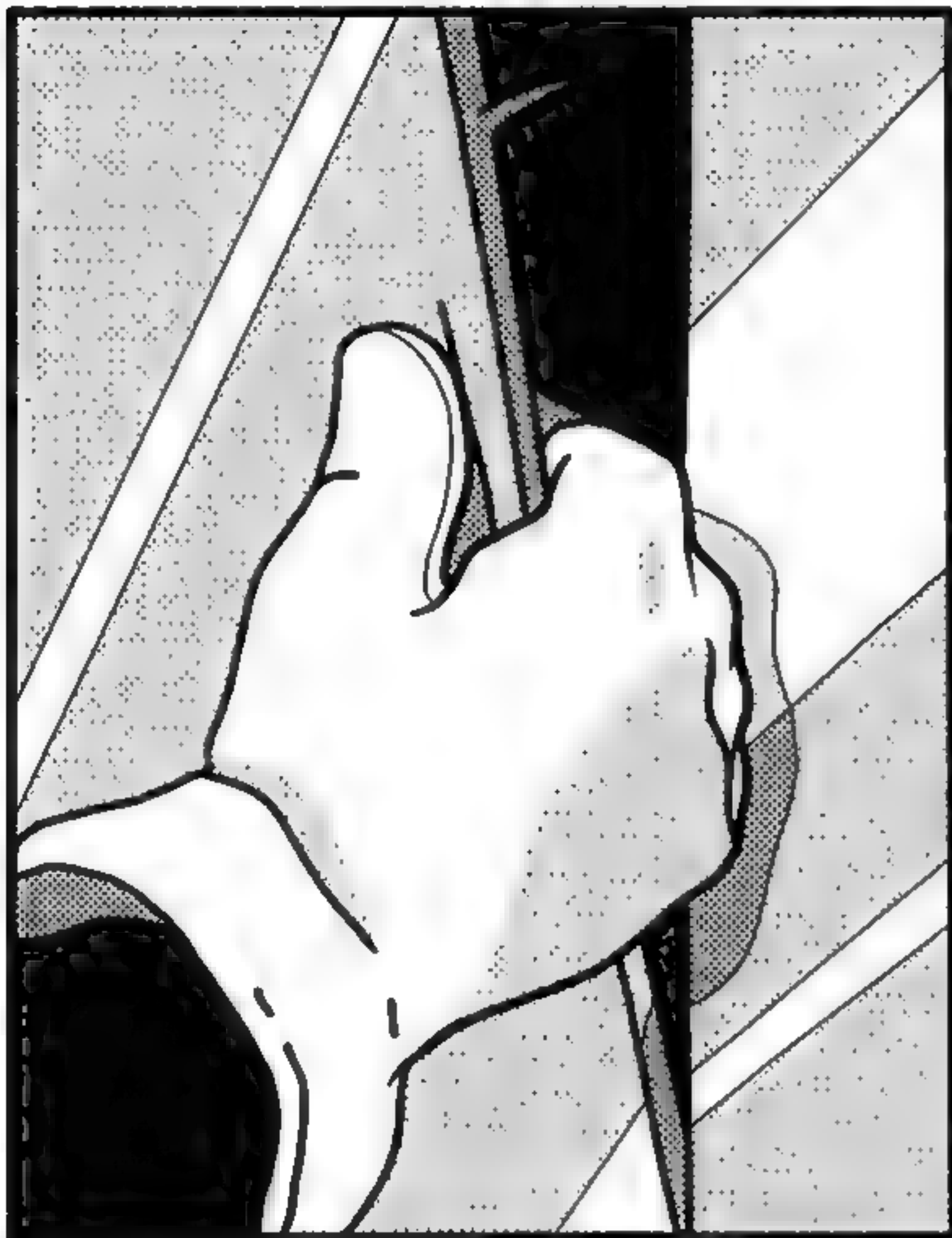
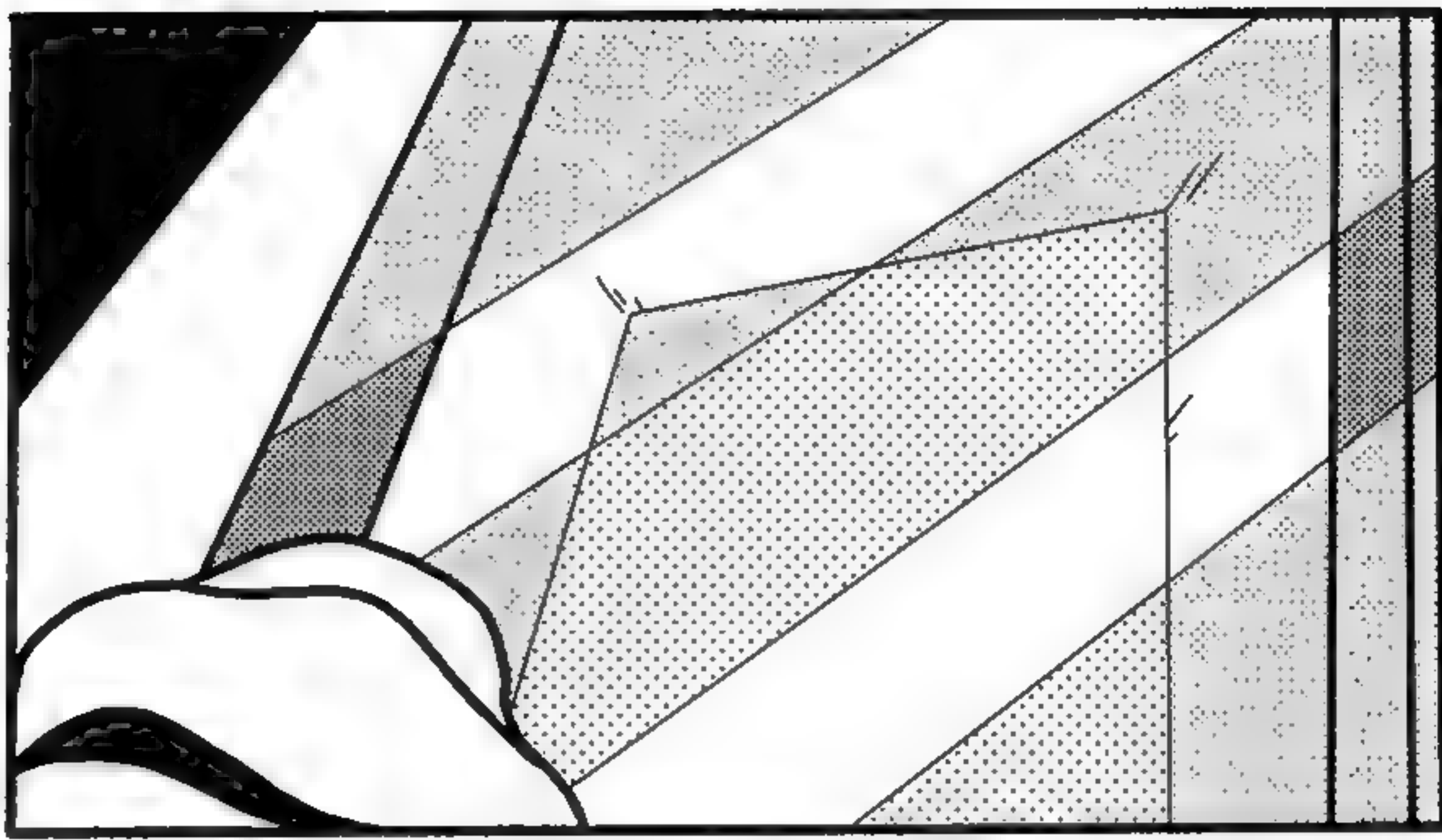
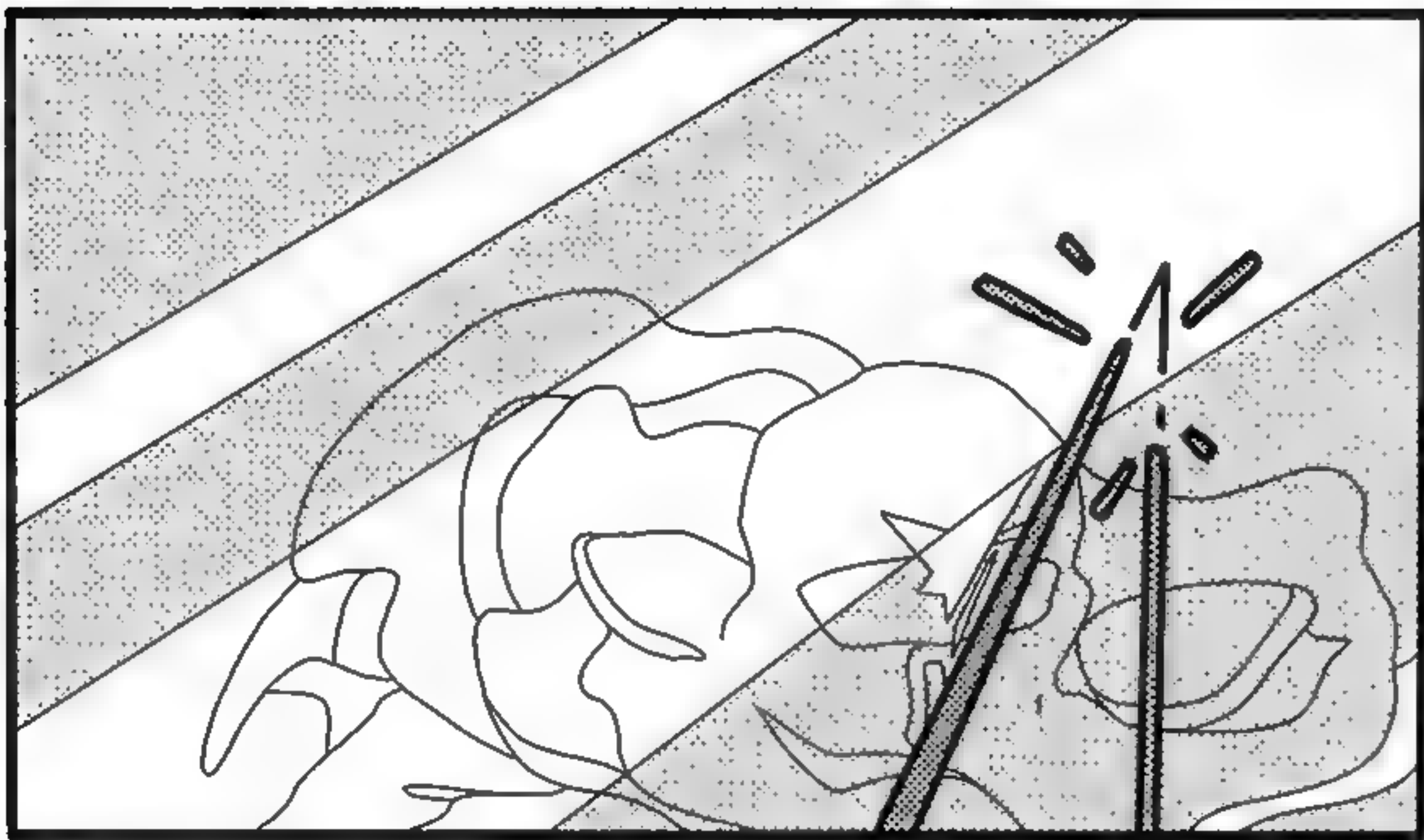


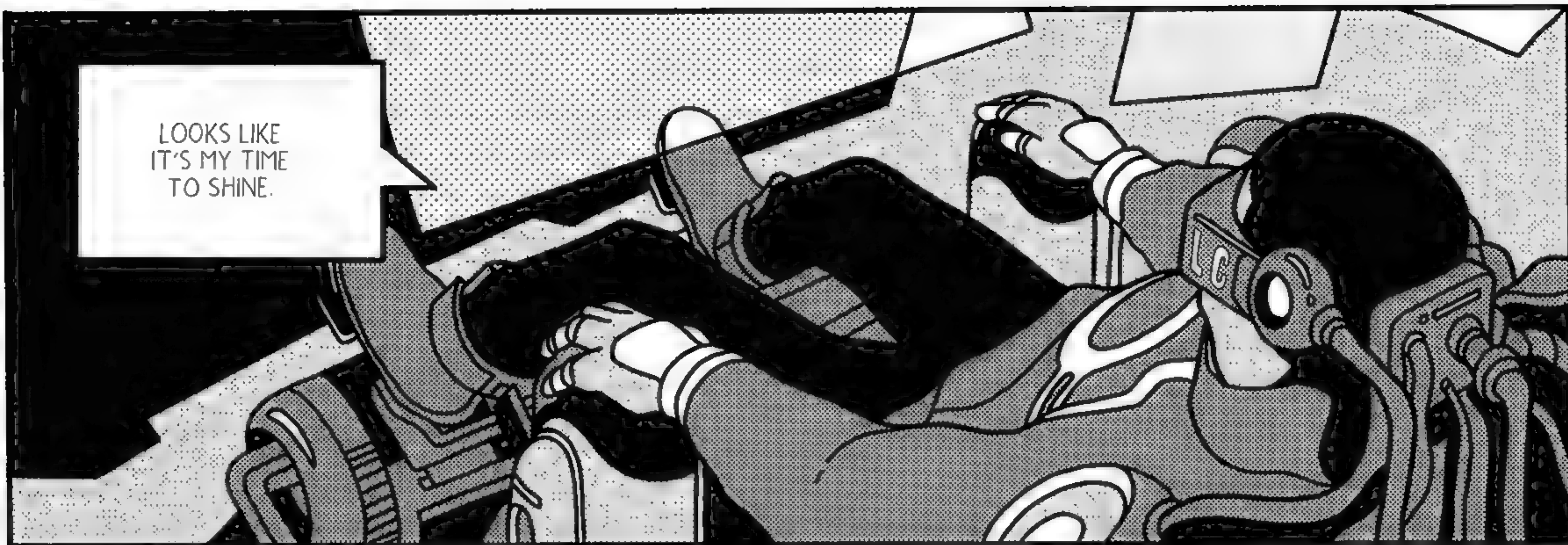








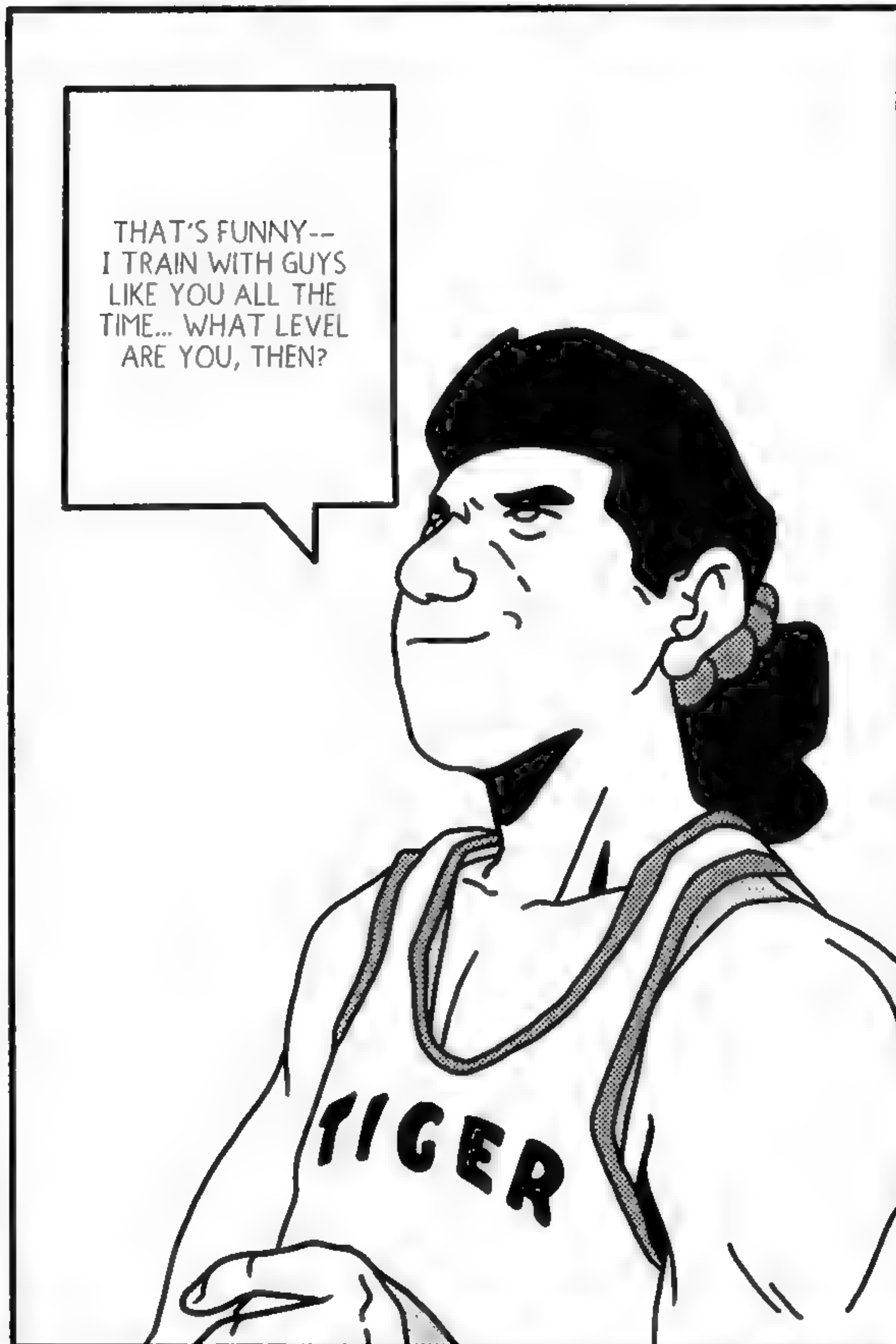




LOOKS LIKE
IT'S MY TIME
TO SHINE.



I HOPE
YOU'RE
TOUGHER
THAN YOU
LOOK.

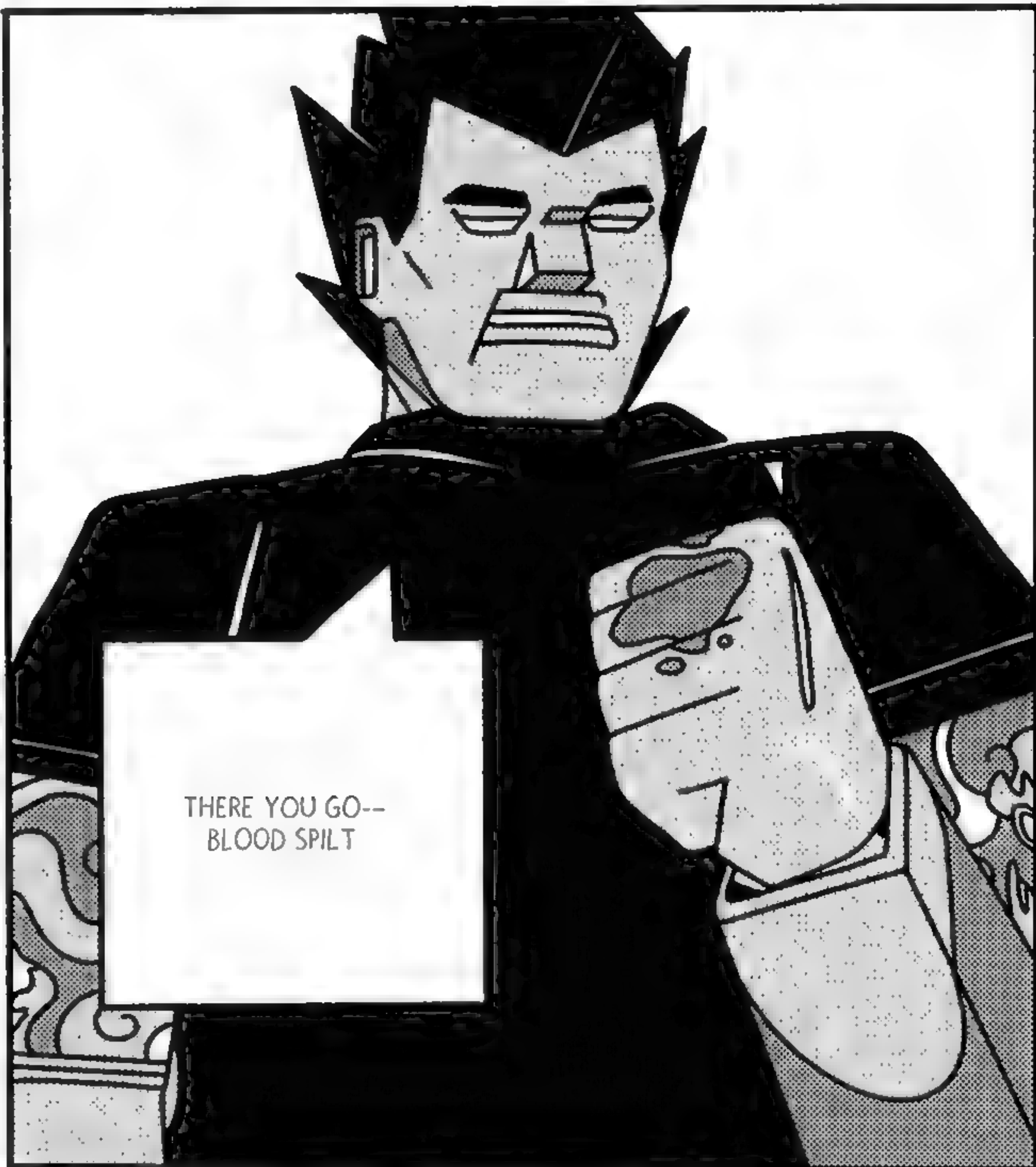


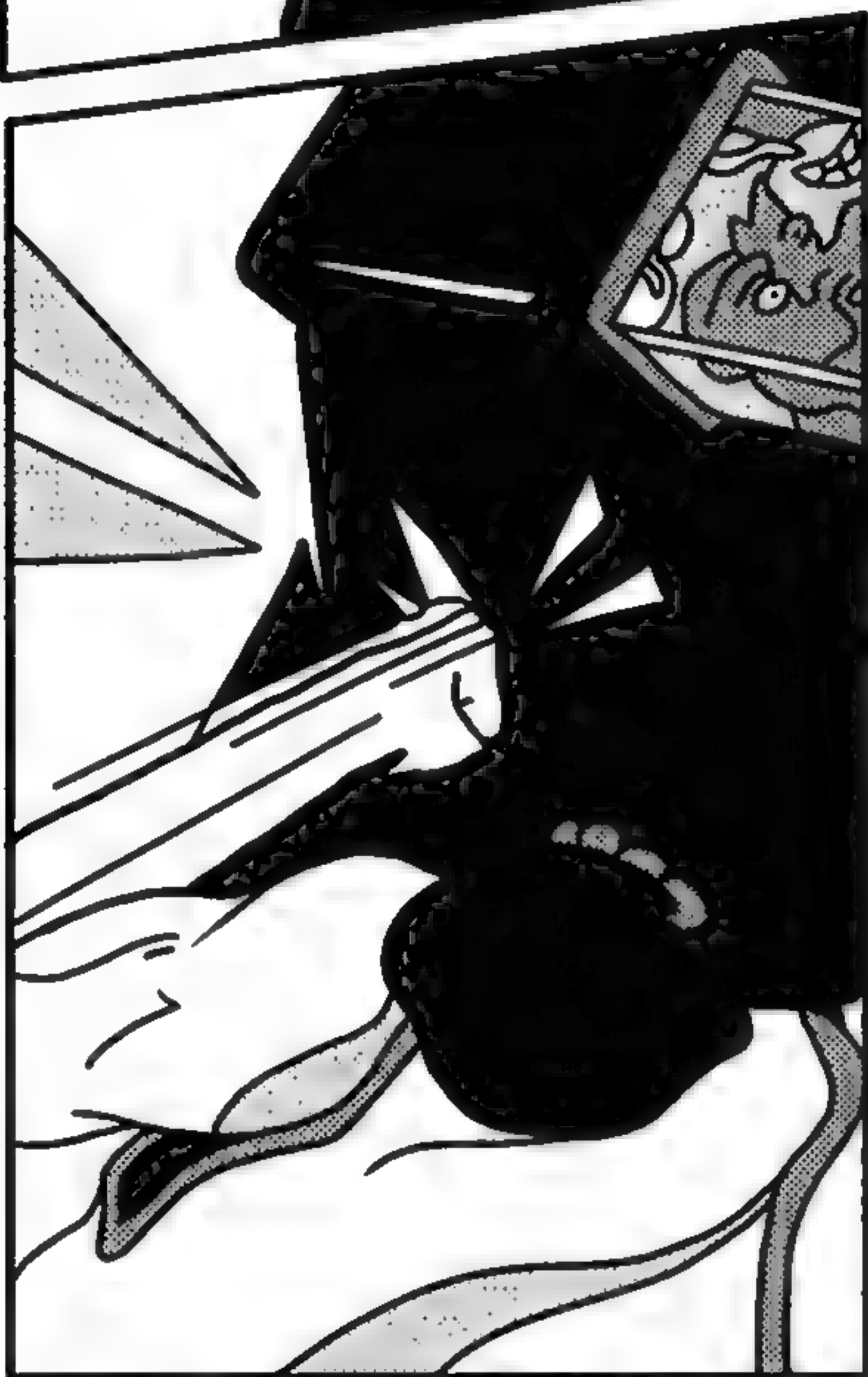
THAT'S FUNNY--
I TRAIN WITH GUYS
LIKE YOU ALL THE
TIME... WHAT LEVEL
ARE YOU, THEN?

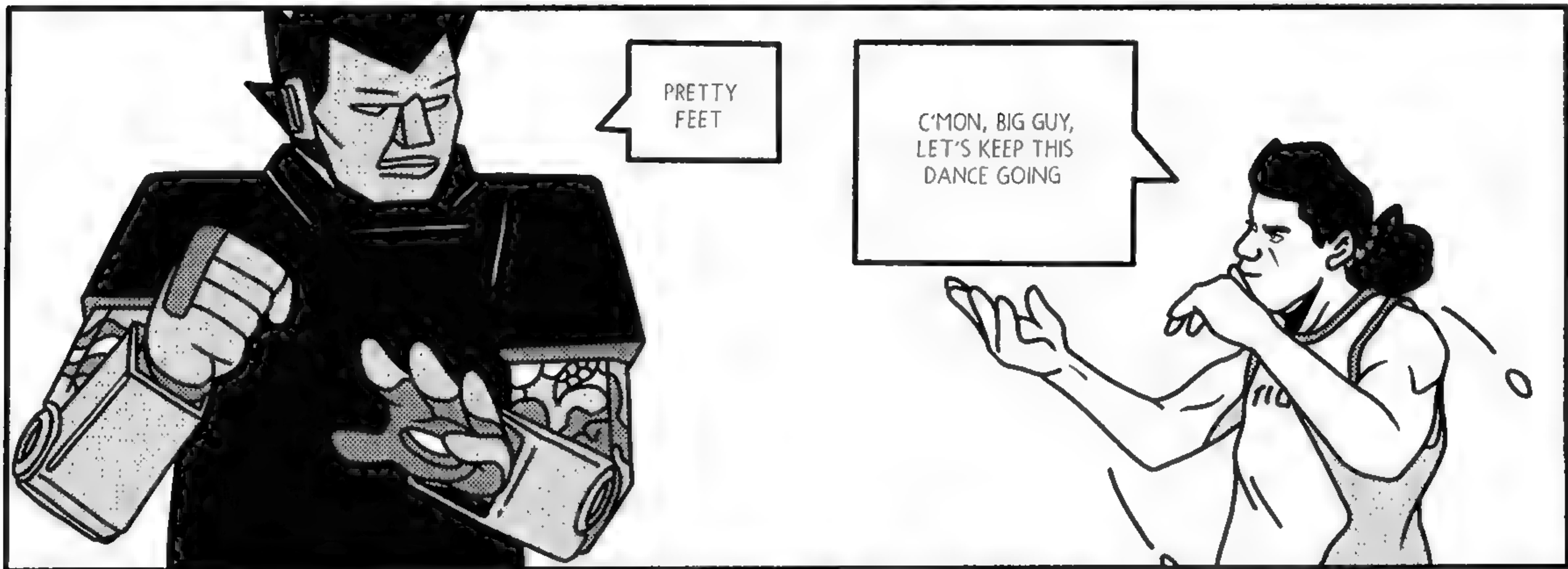
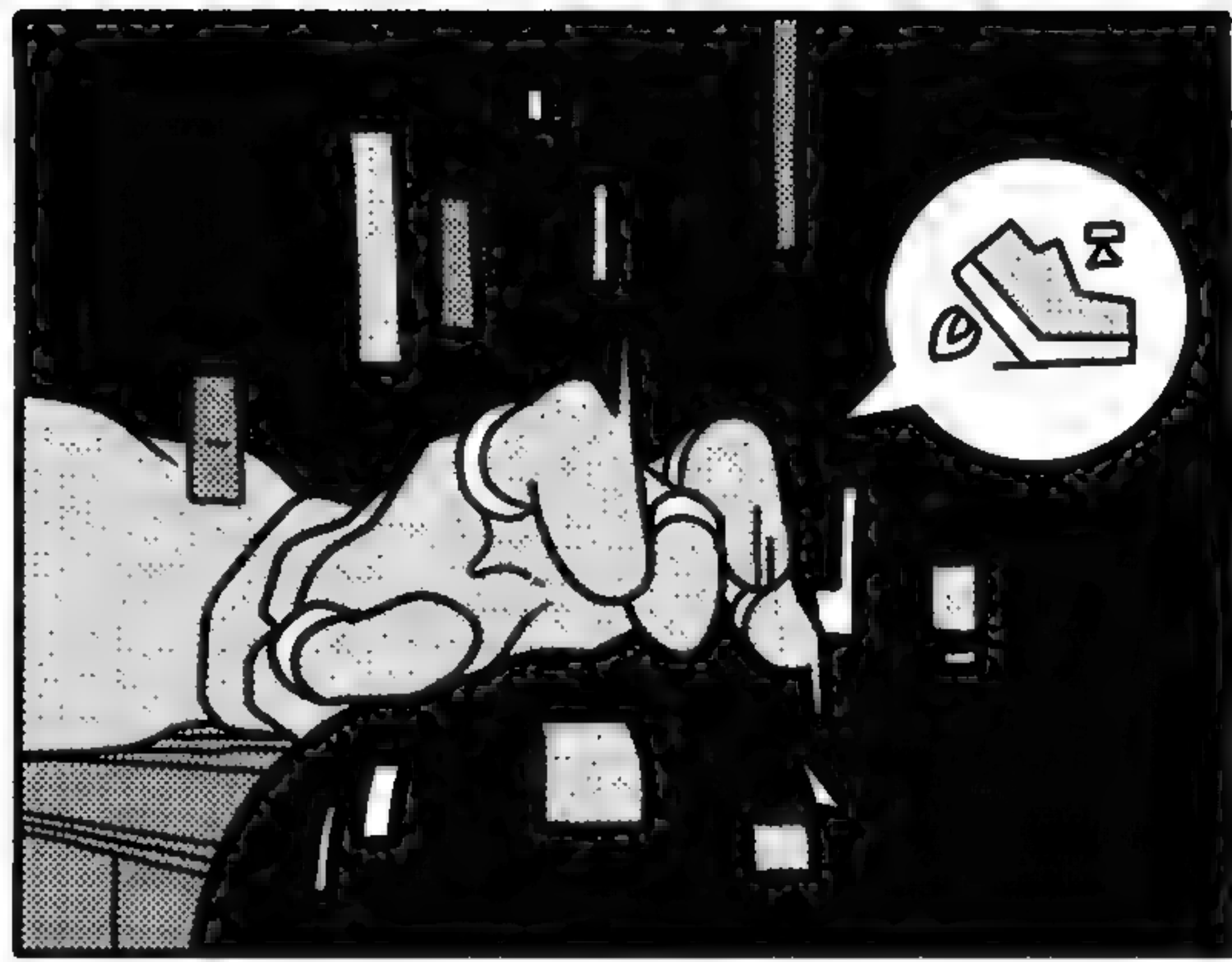


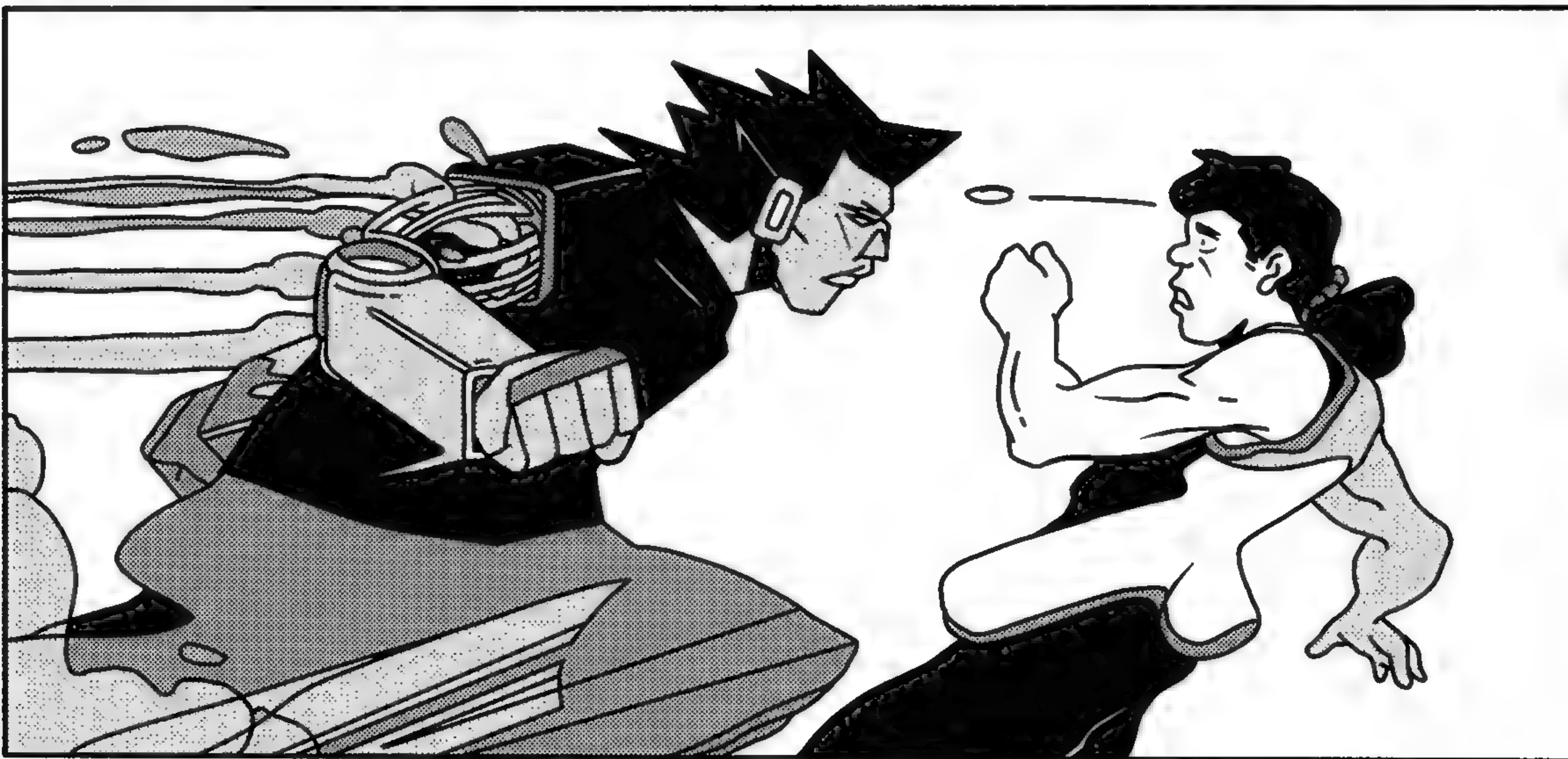
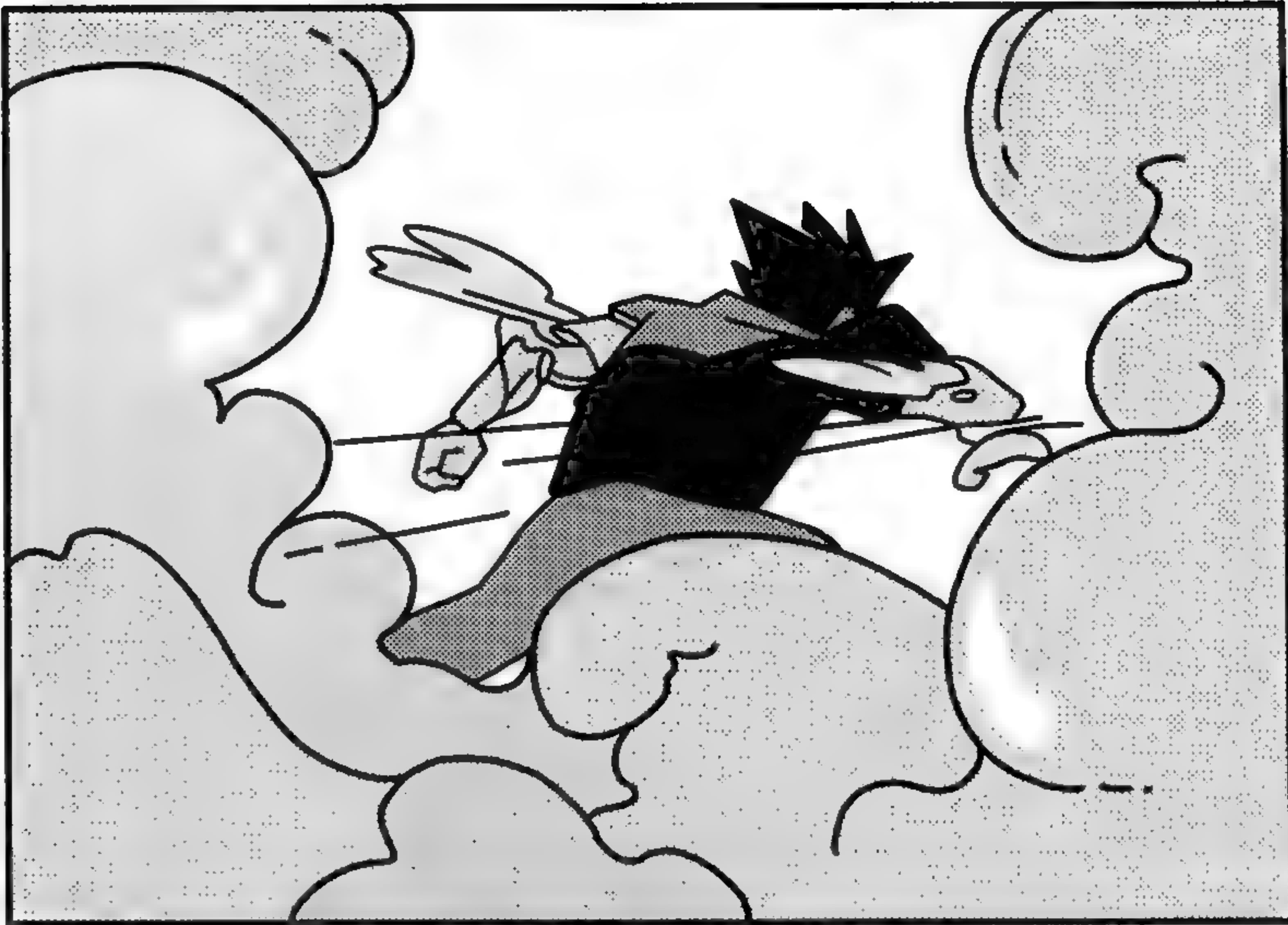
WHAT A FOOL-- HE THINKS
I'M FULL AUTO. I'LL WIN THIS
ROUND WITH EASE AND WILL
BE ONE STEP CLOSER TO
GETTING MY LEGS BACK







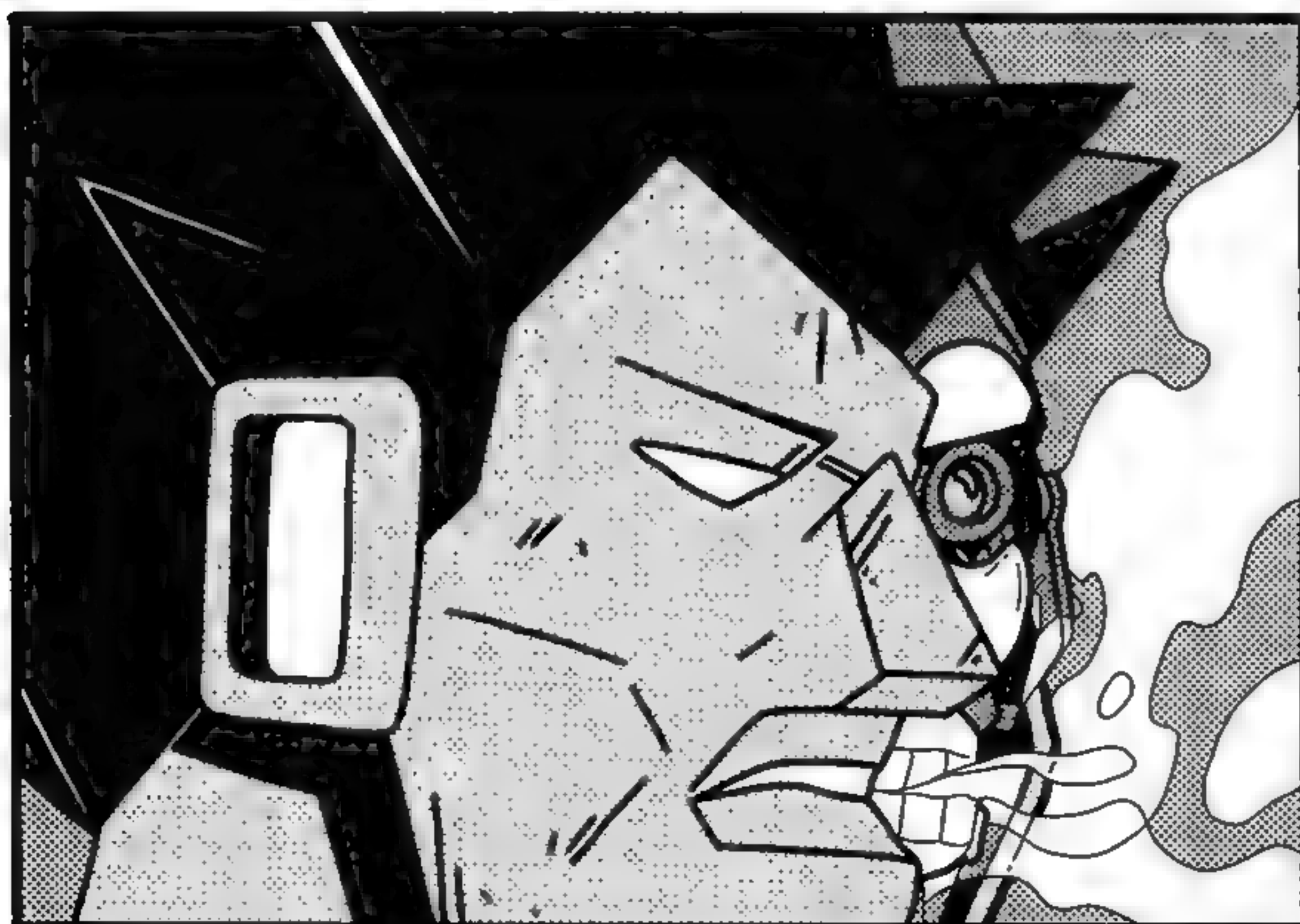
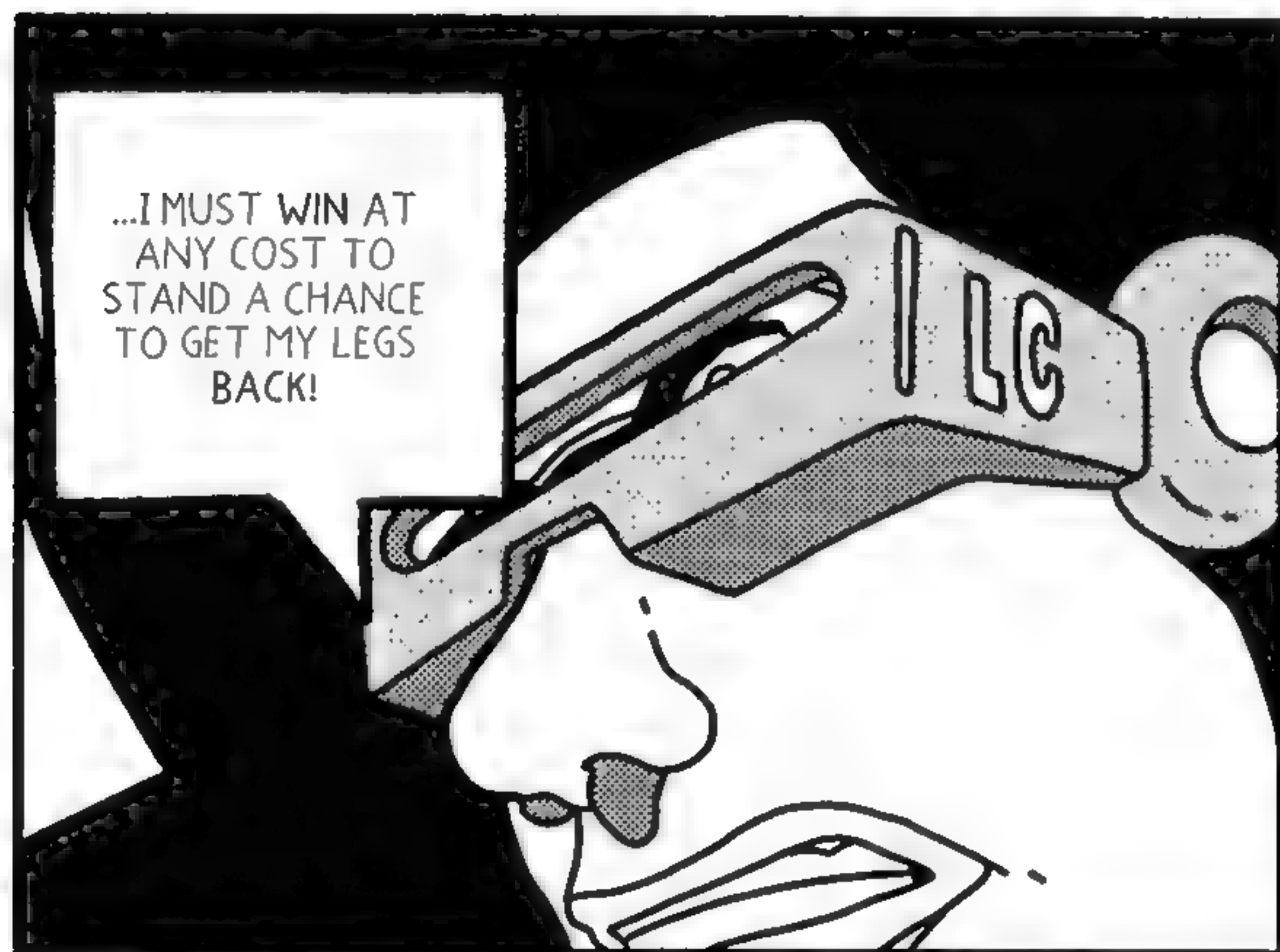


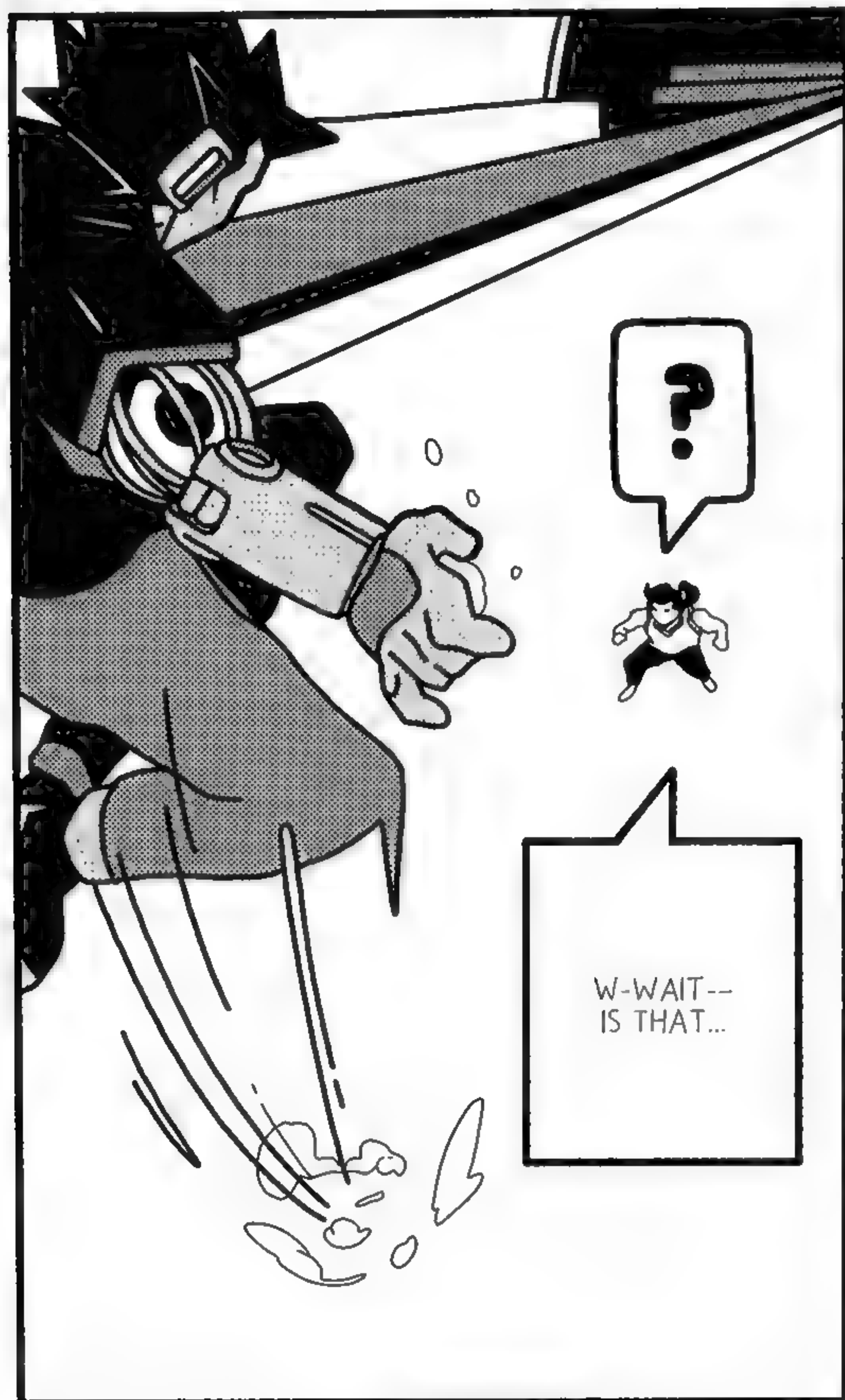


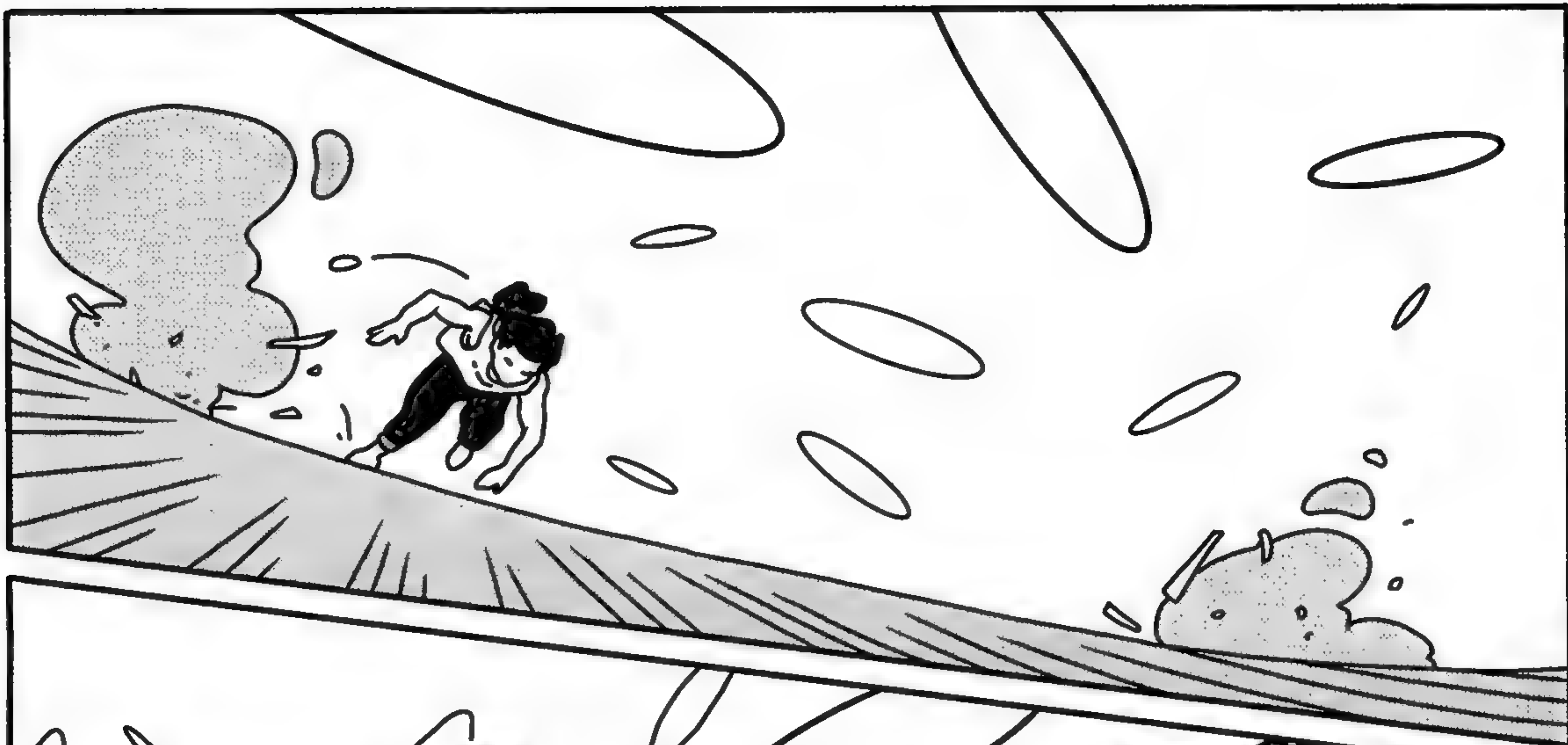


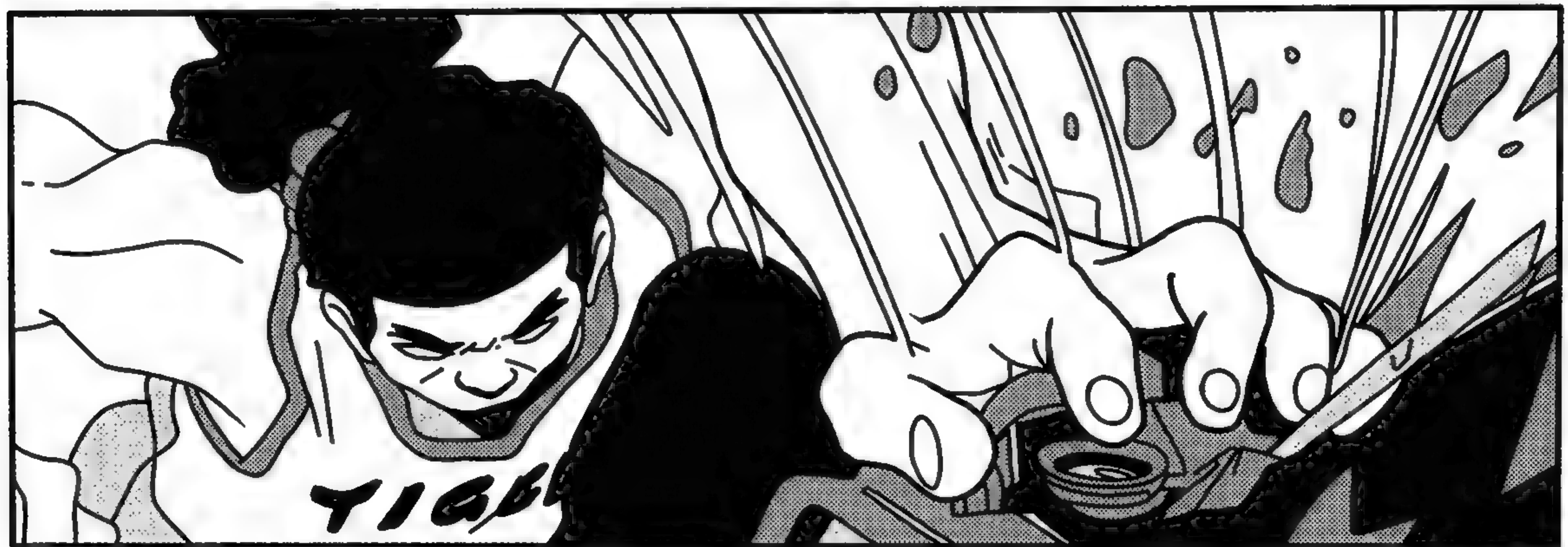
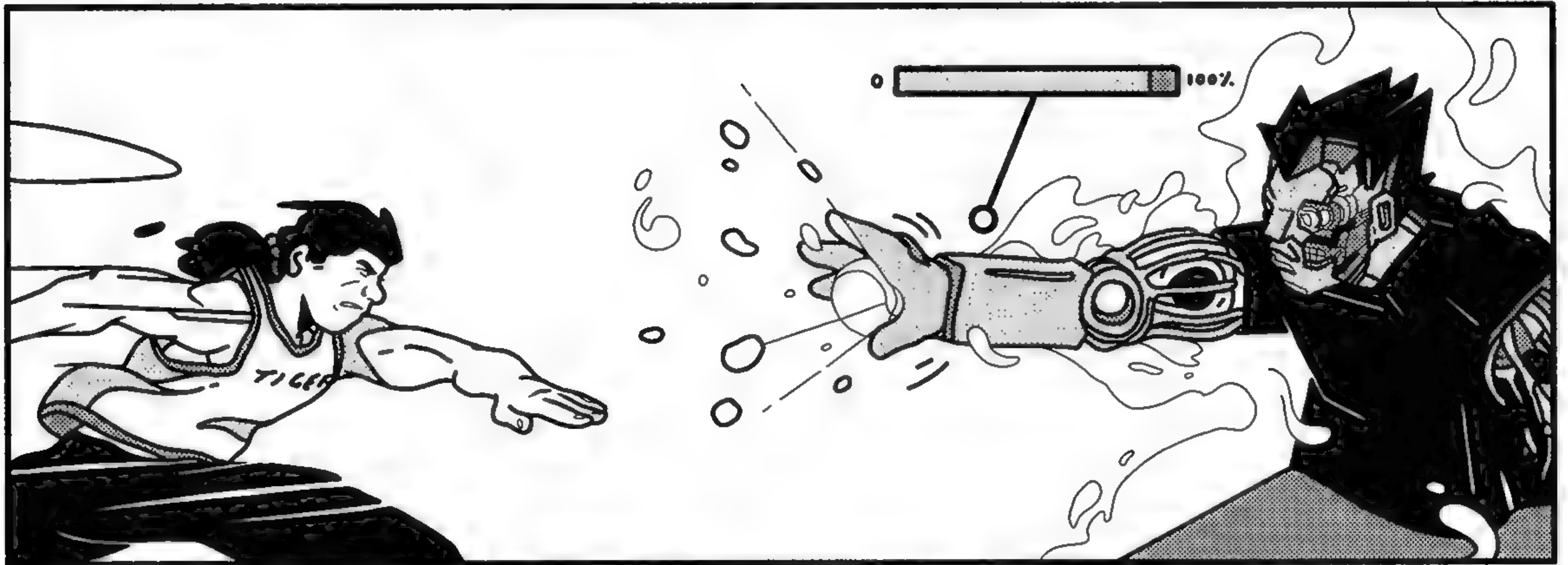
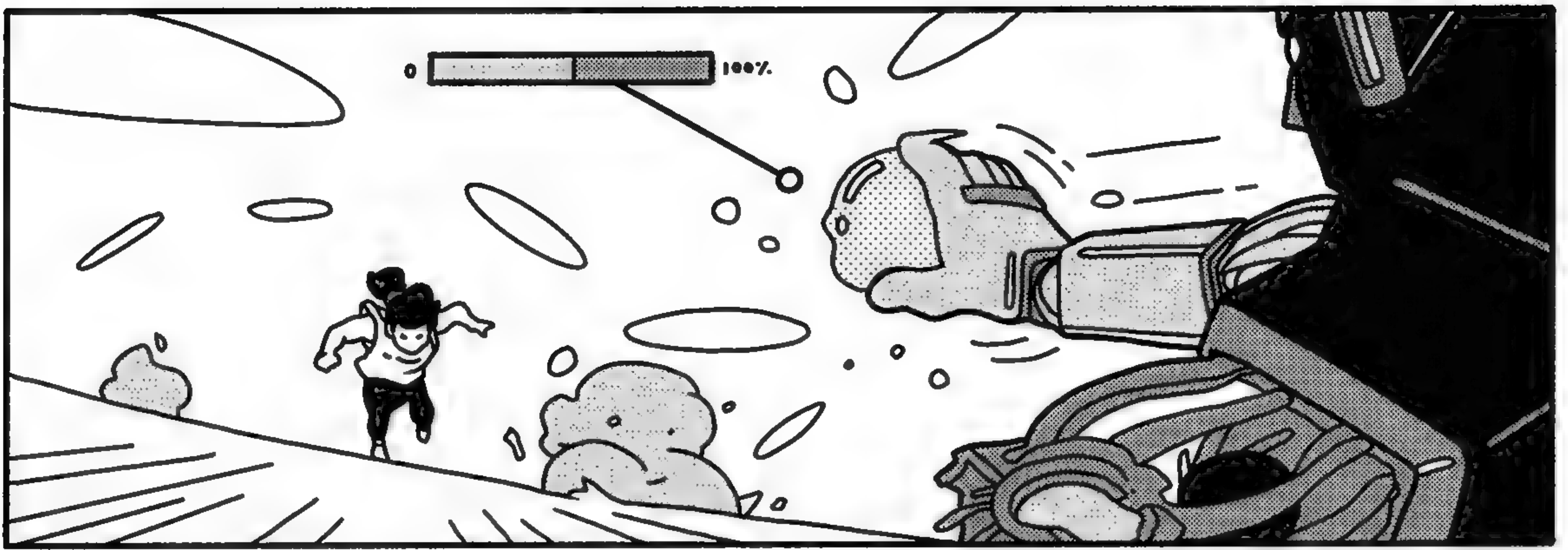


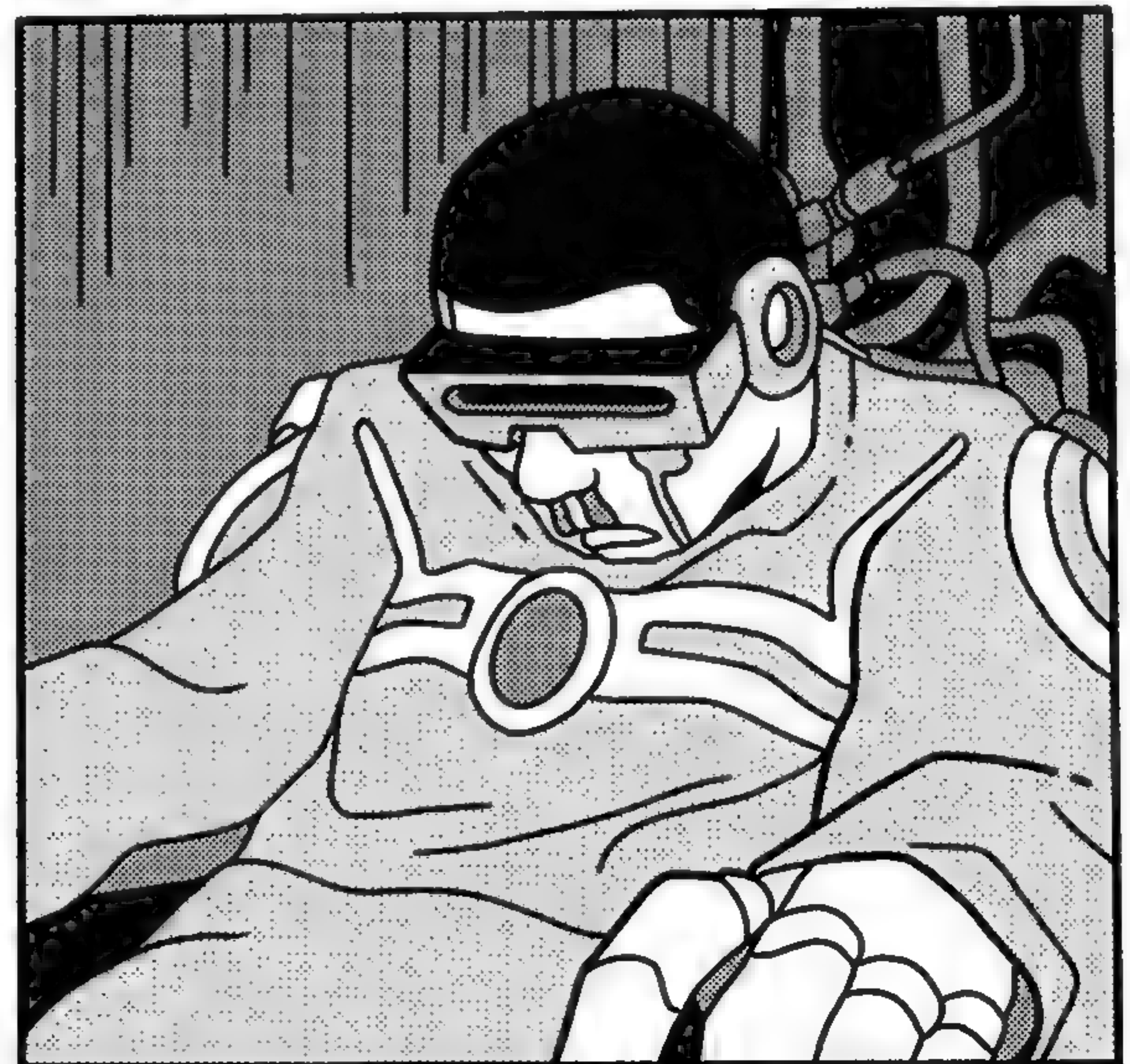
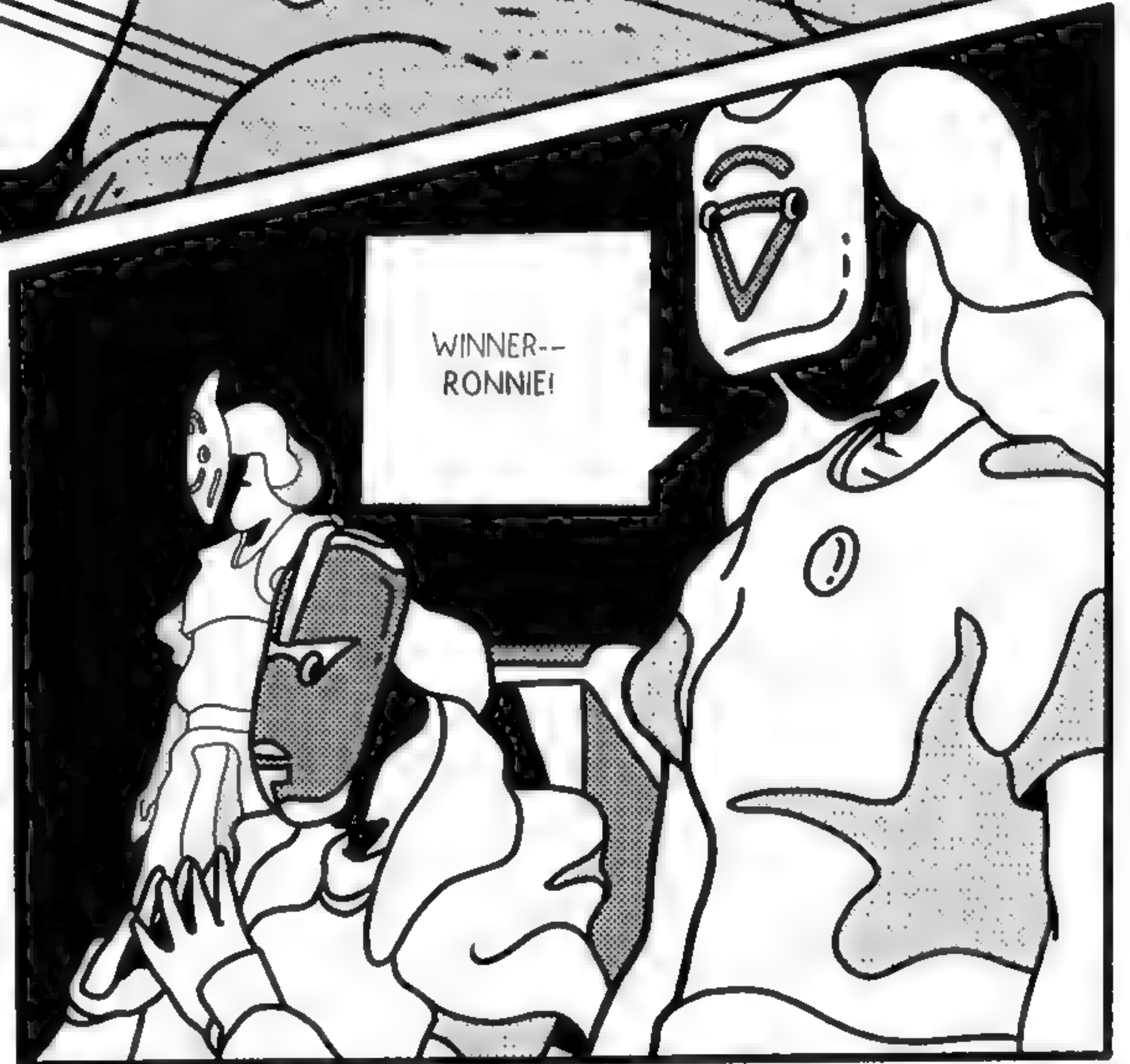


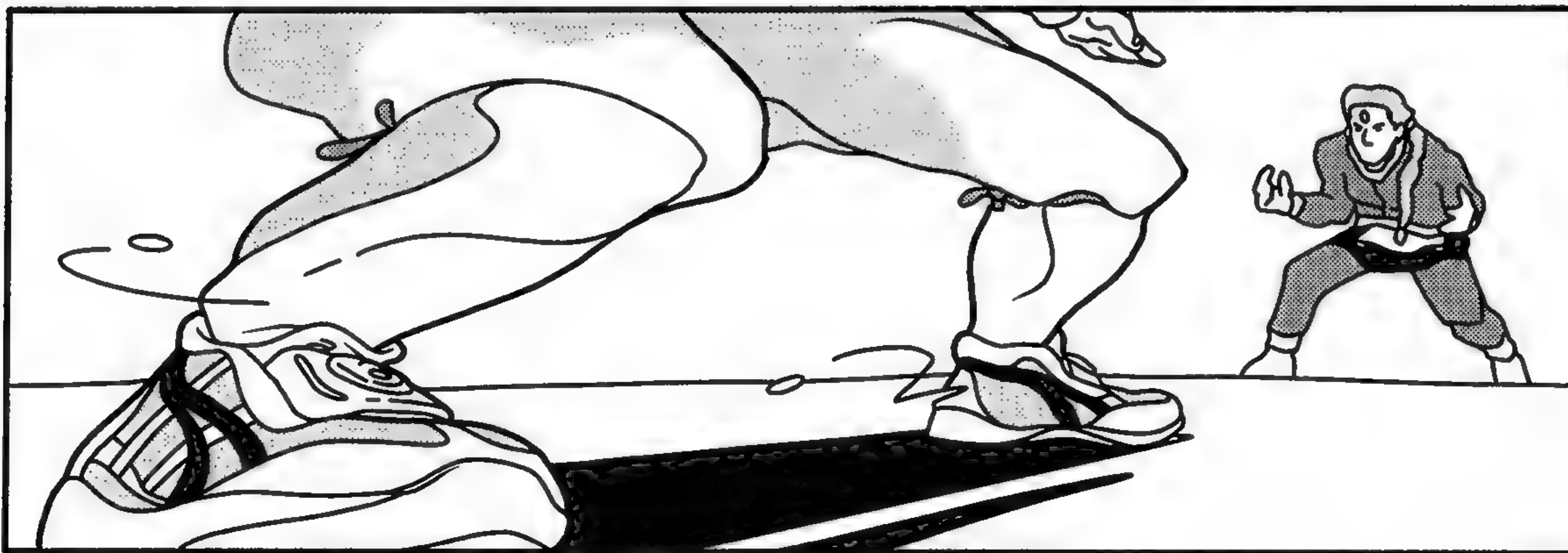
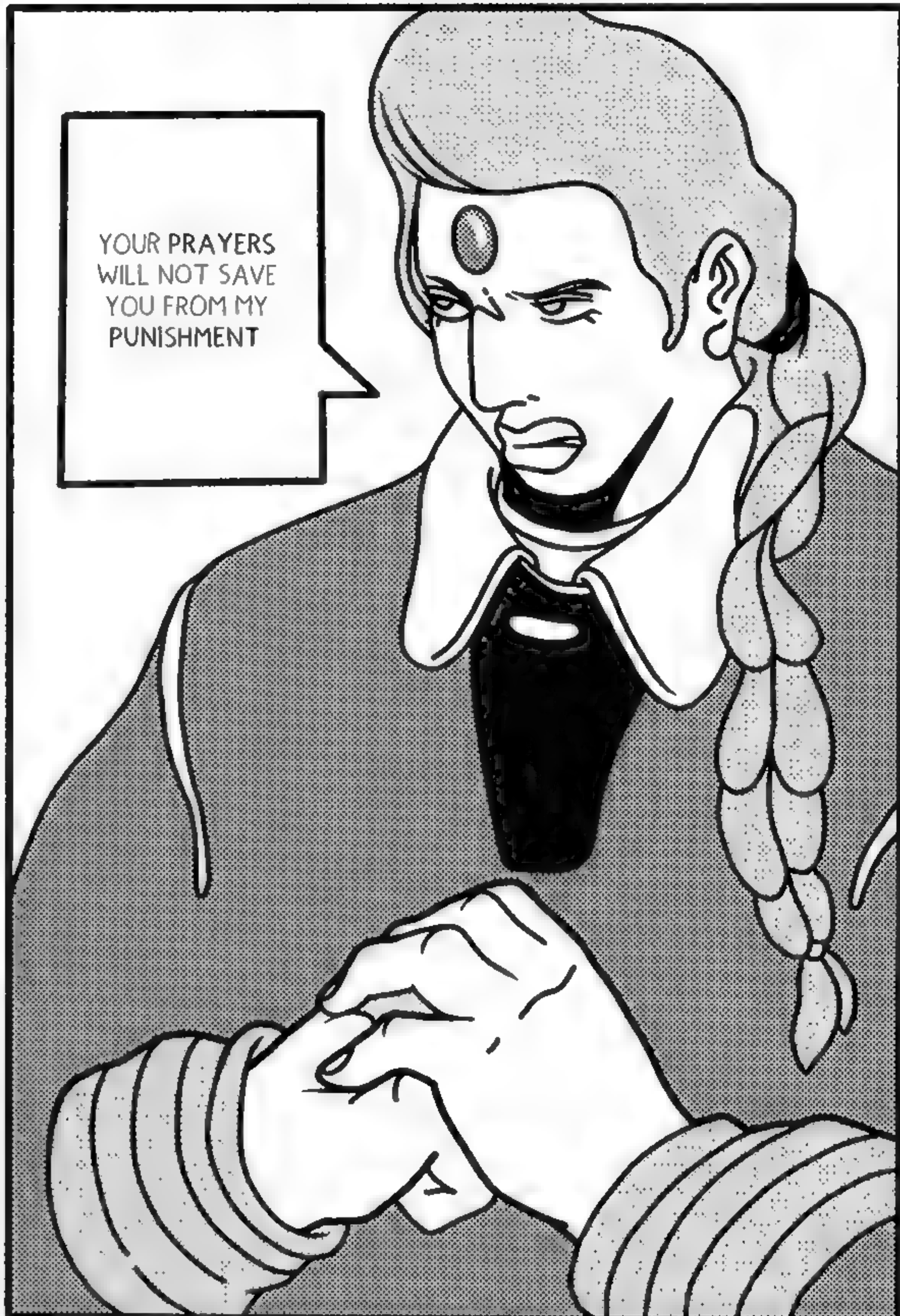




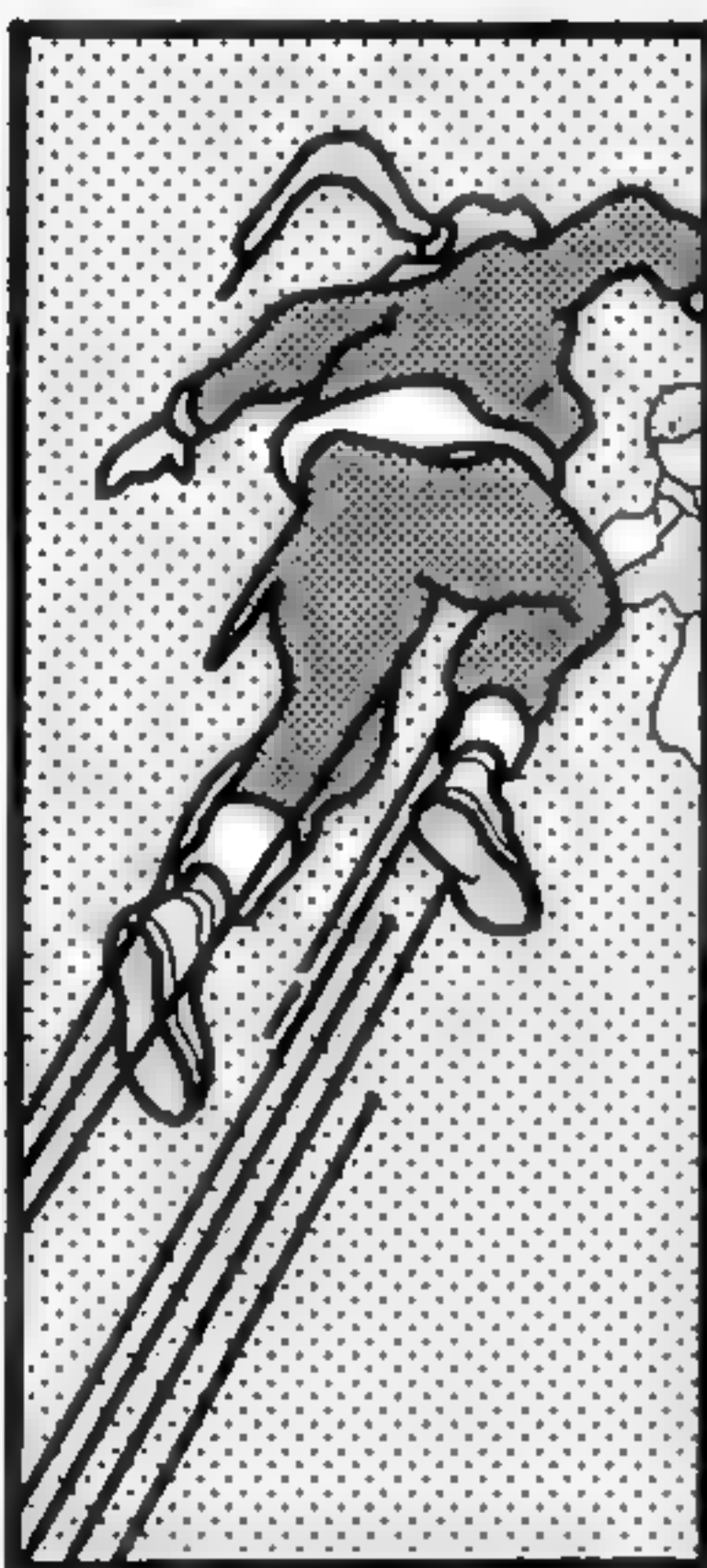
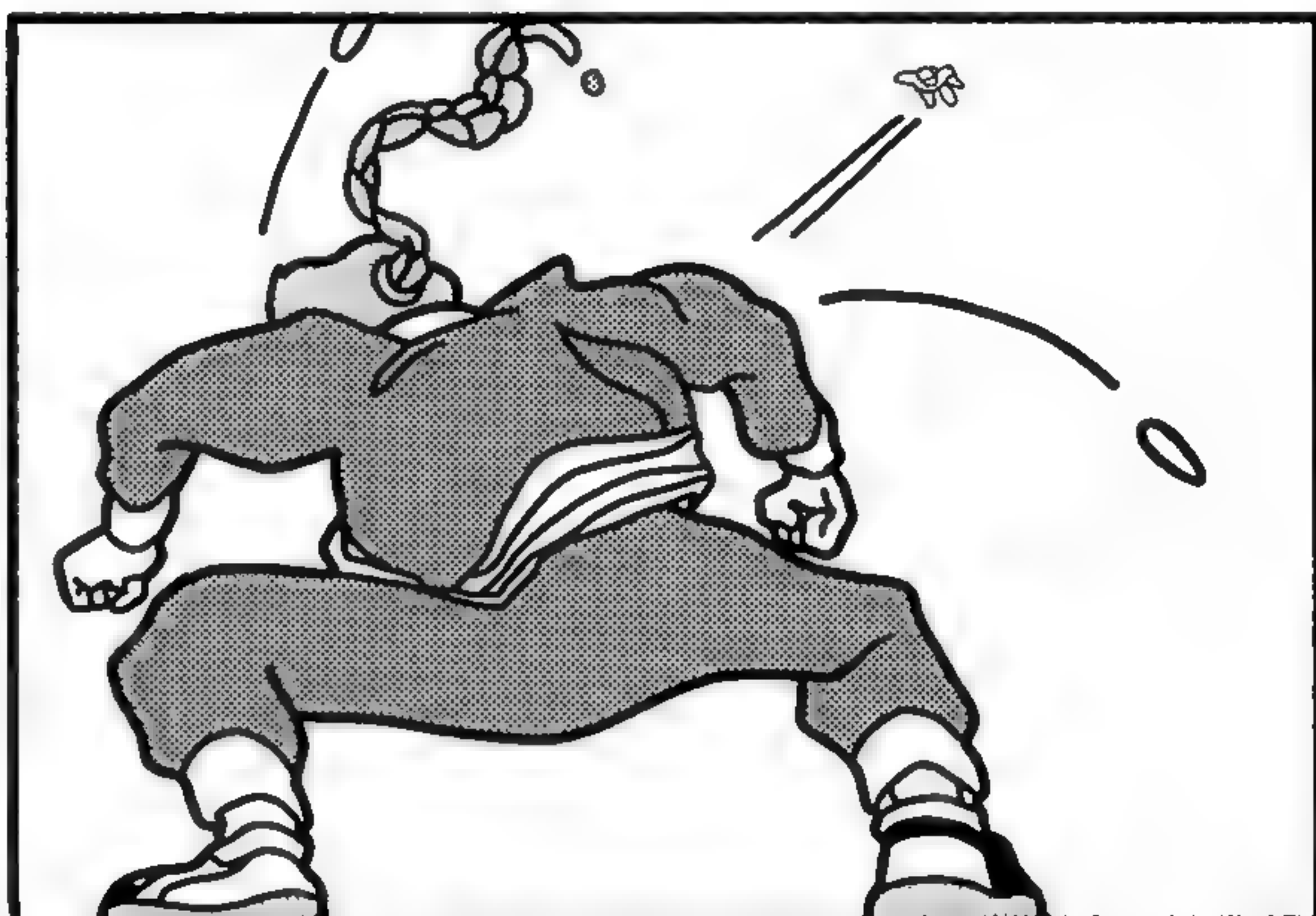
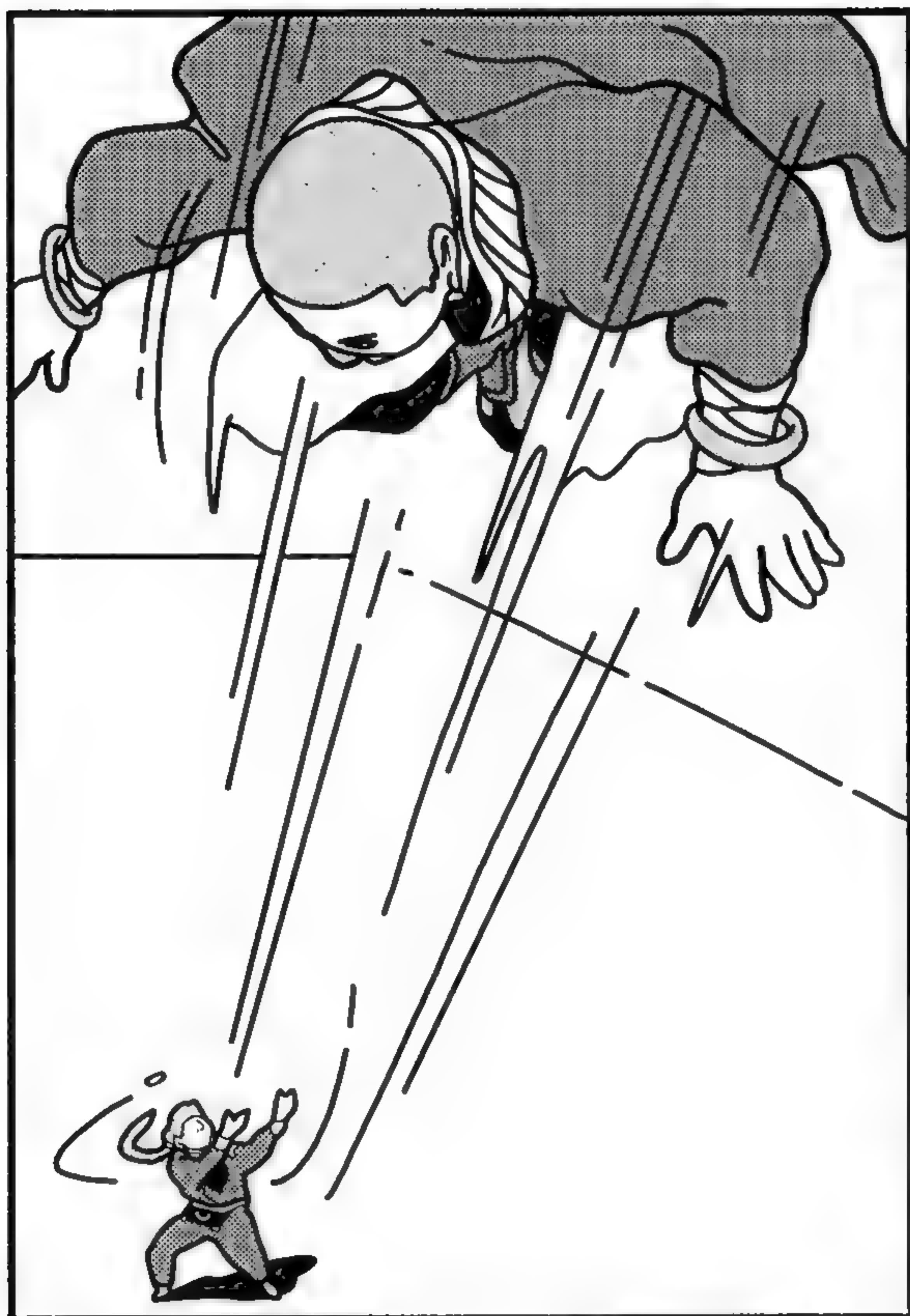


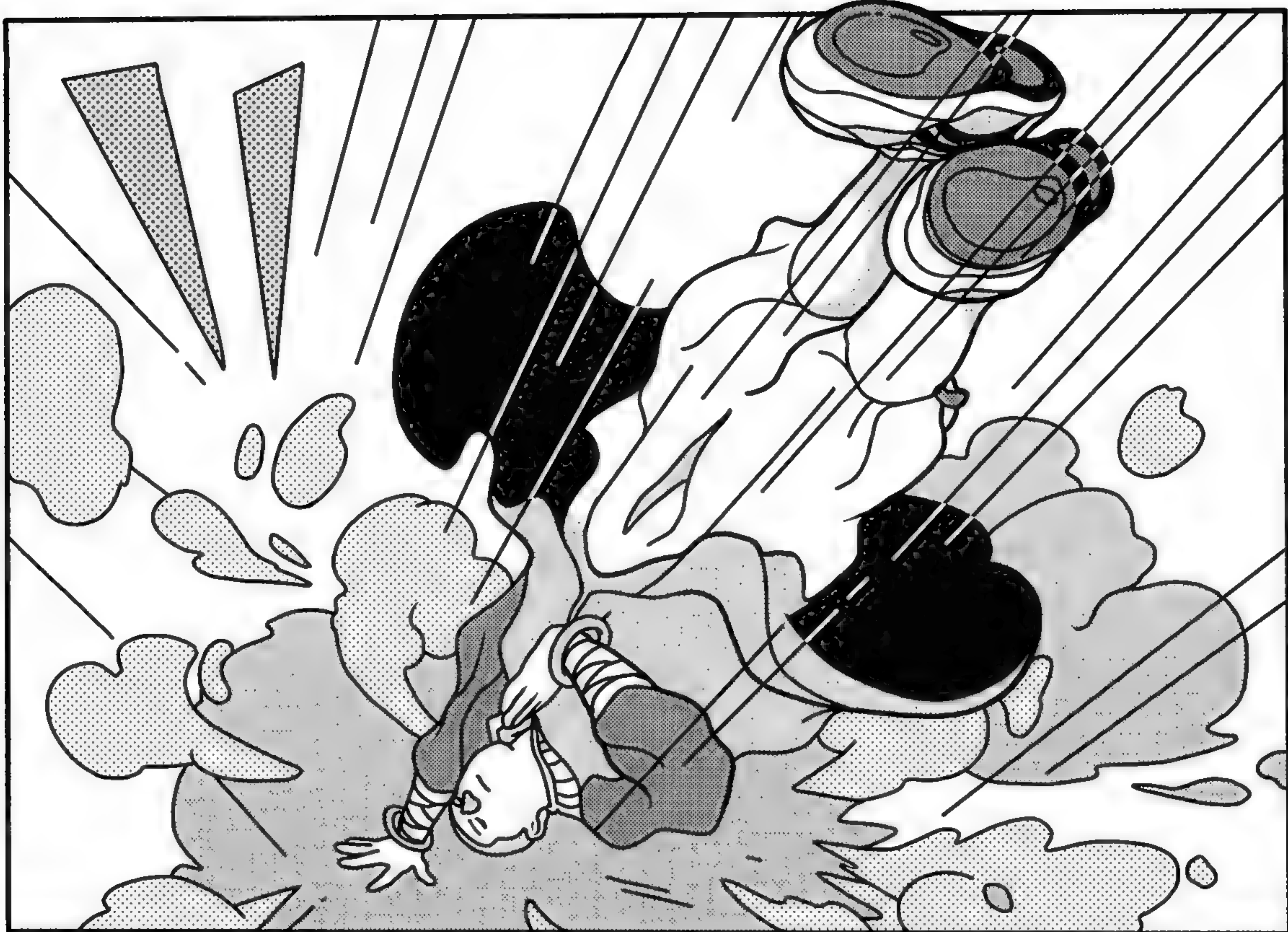


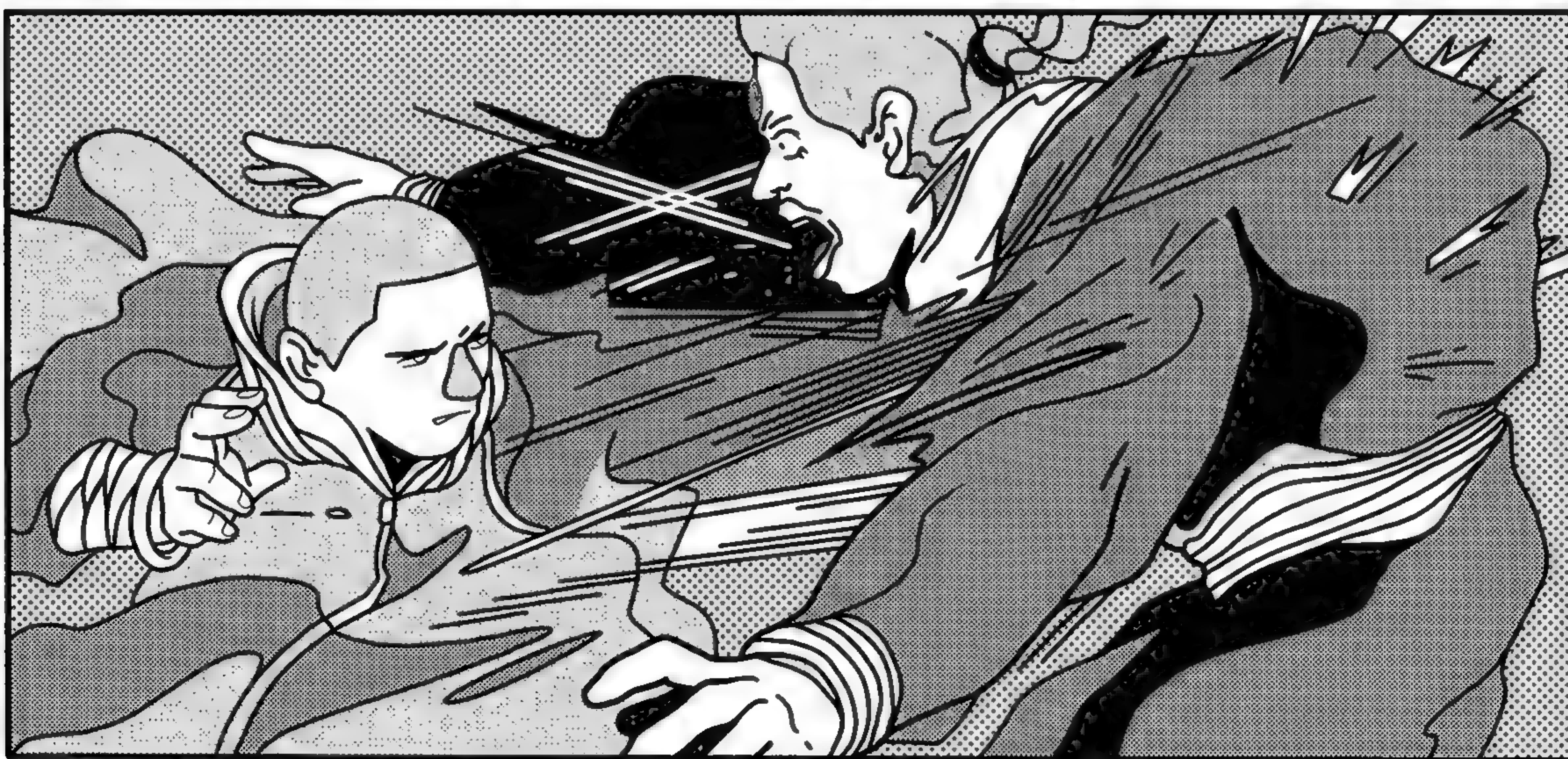
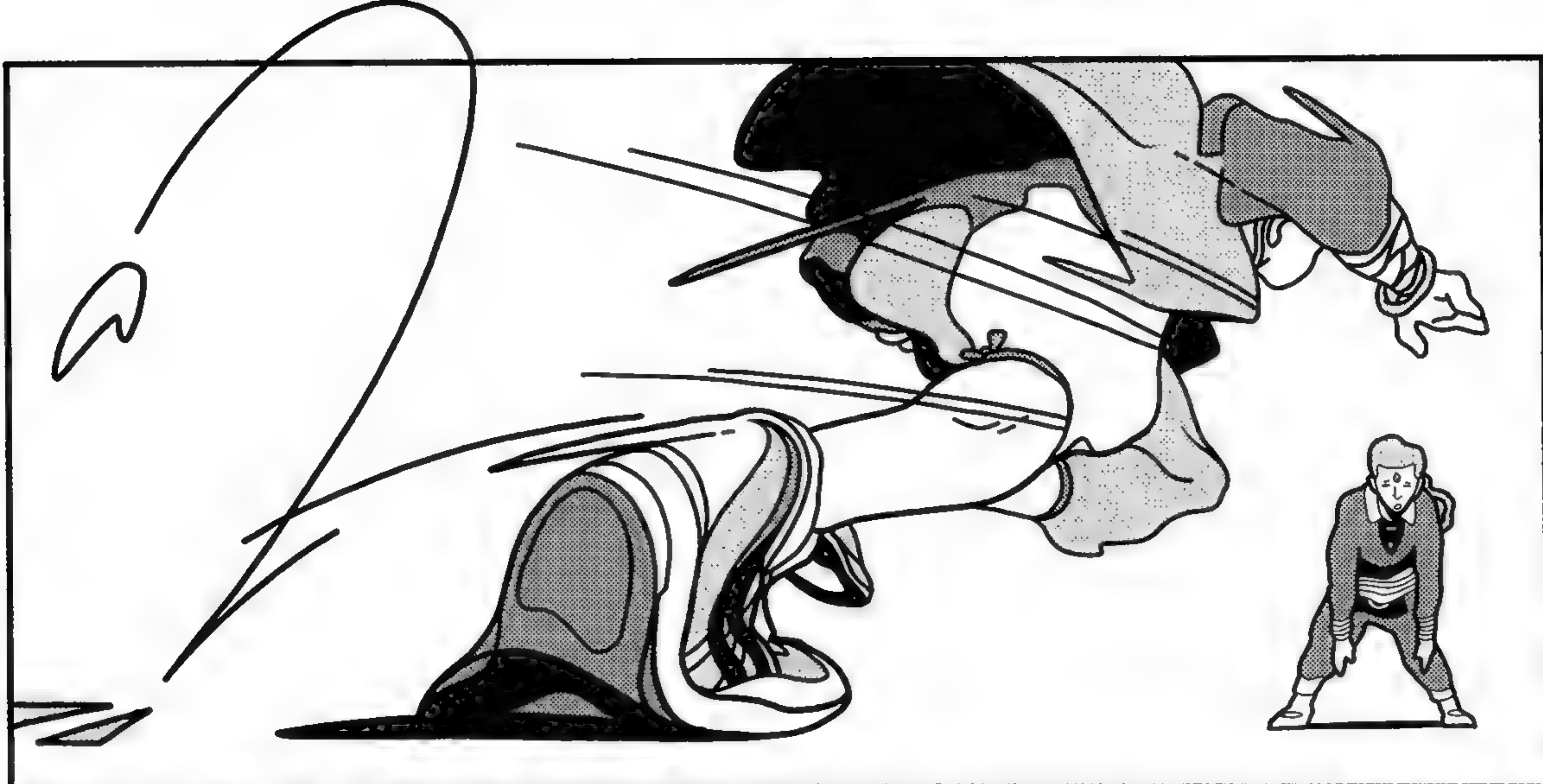


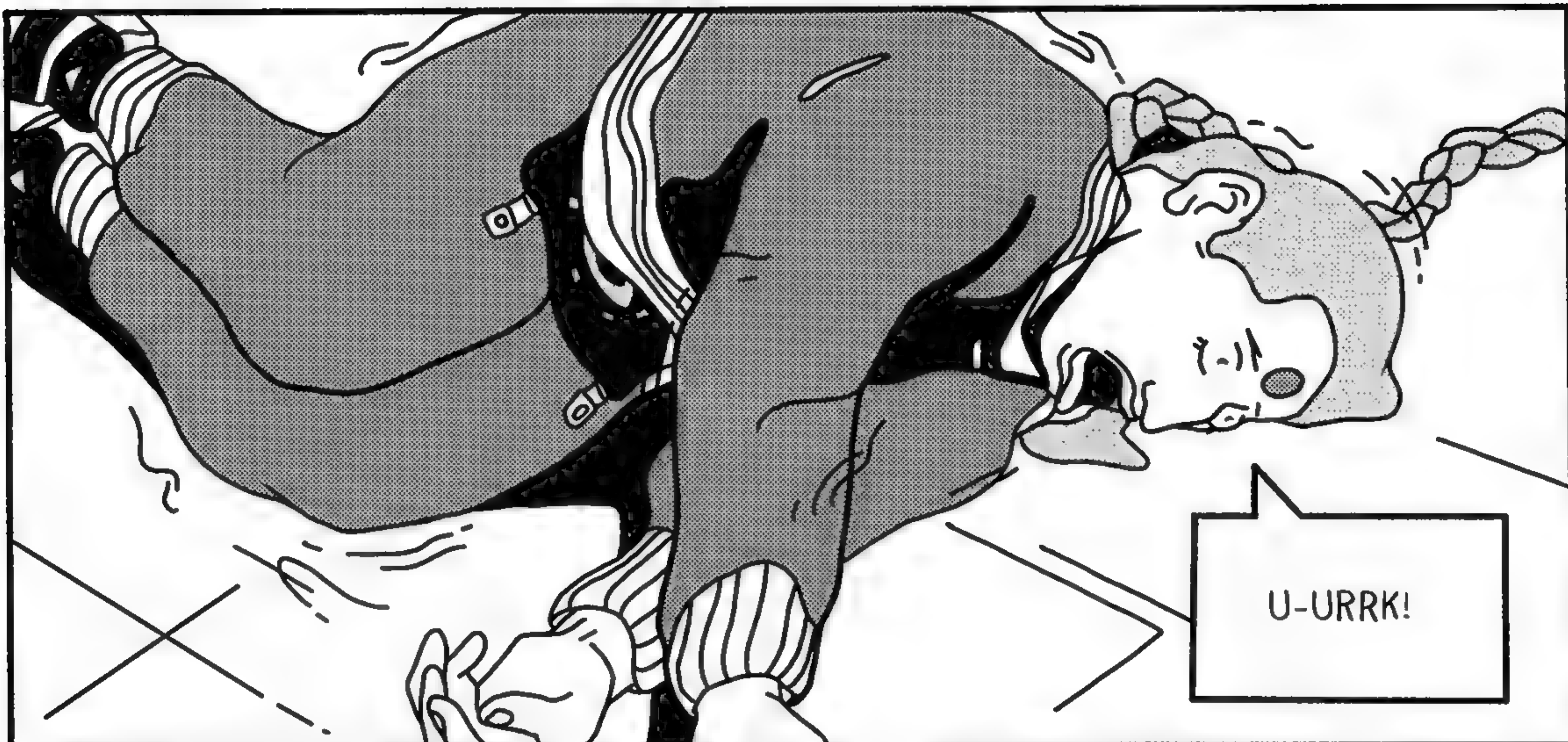








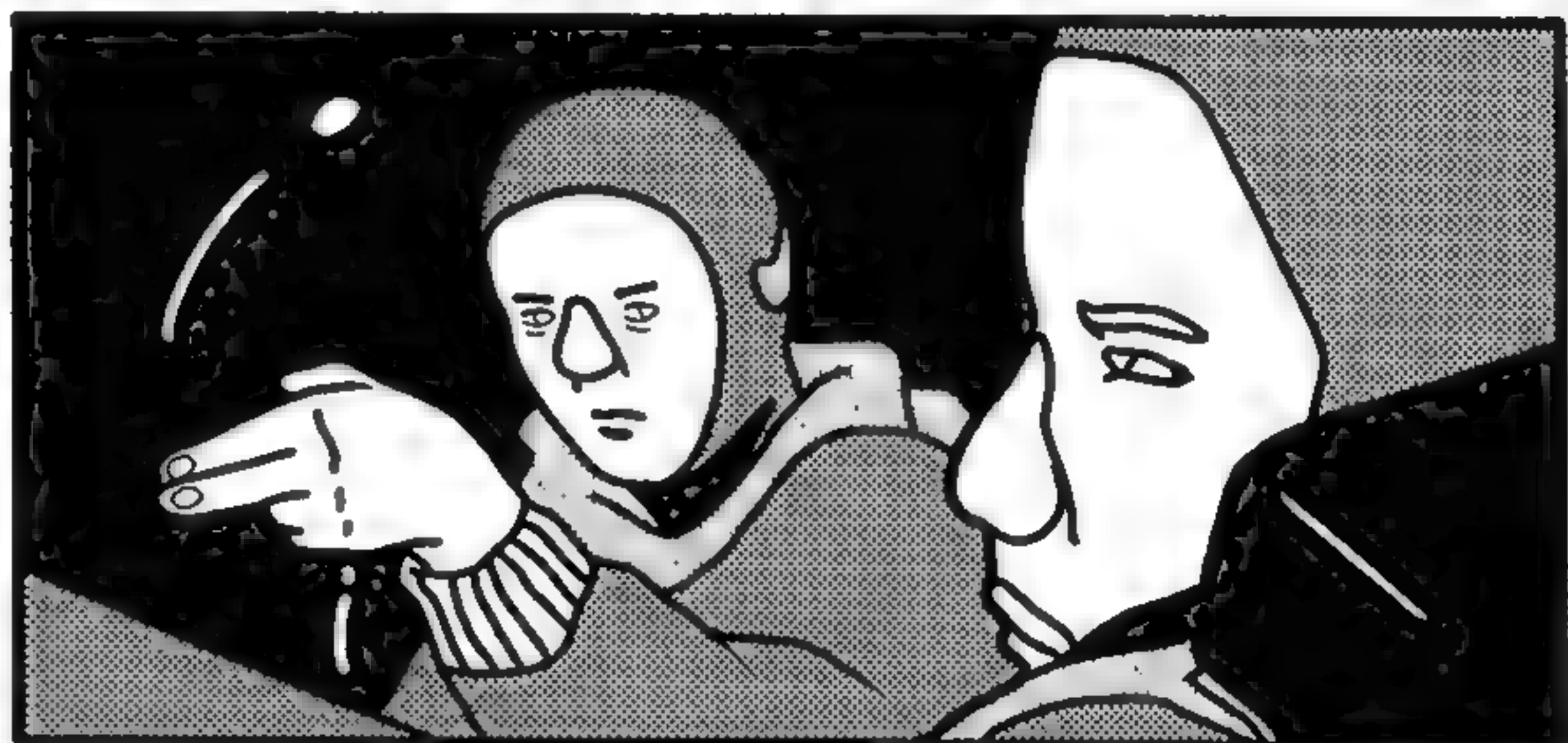
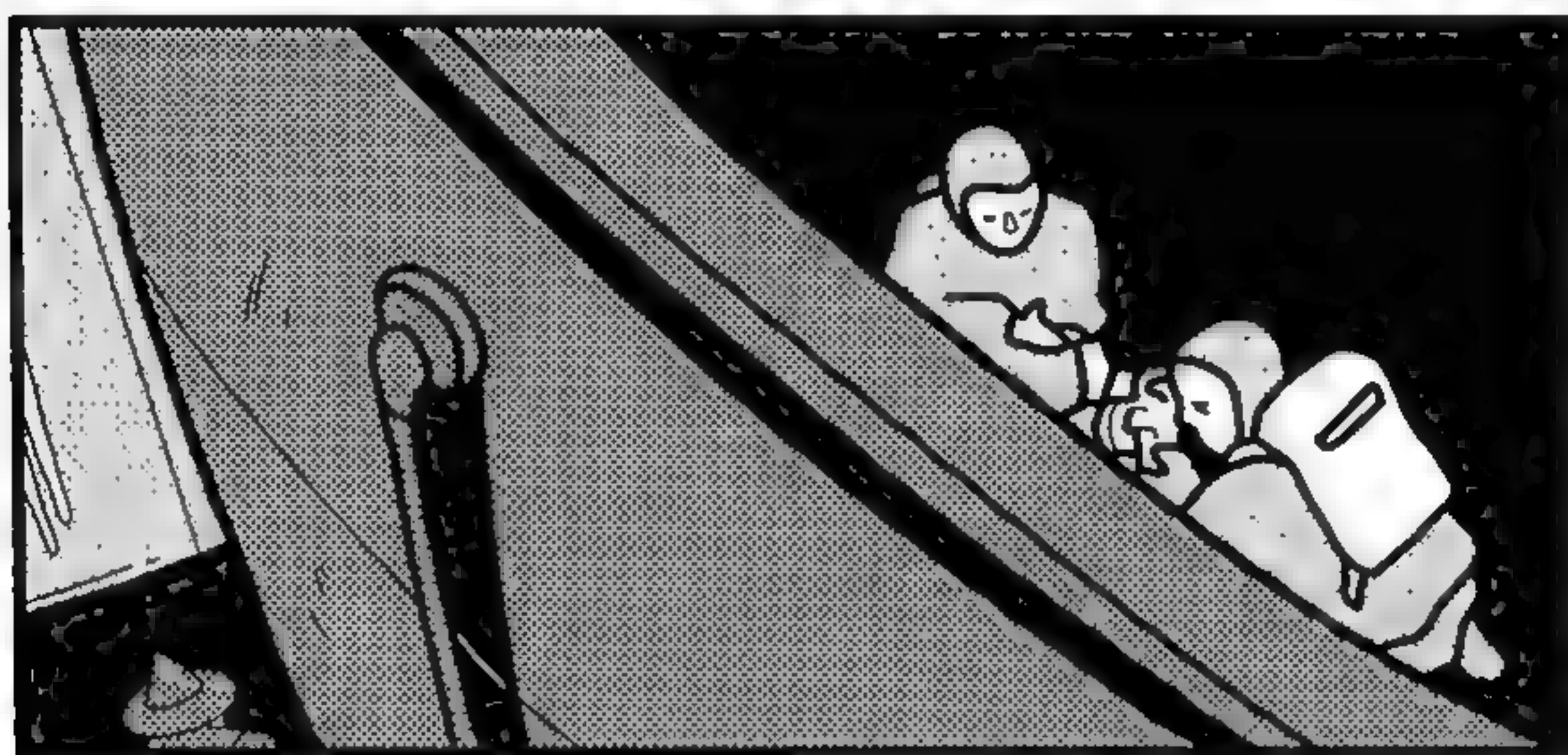
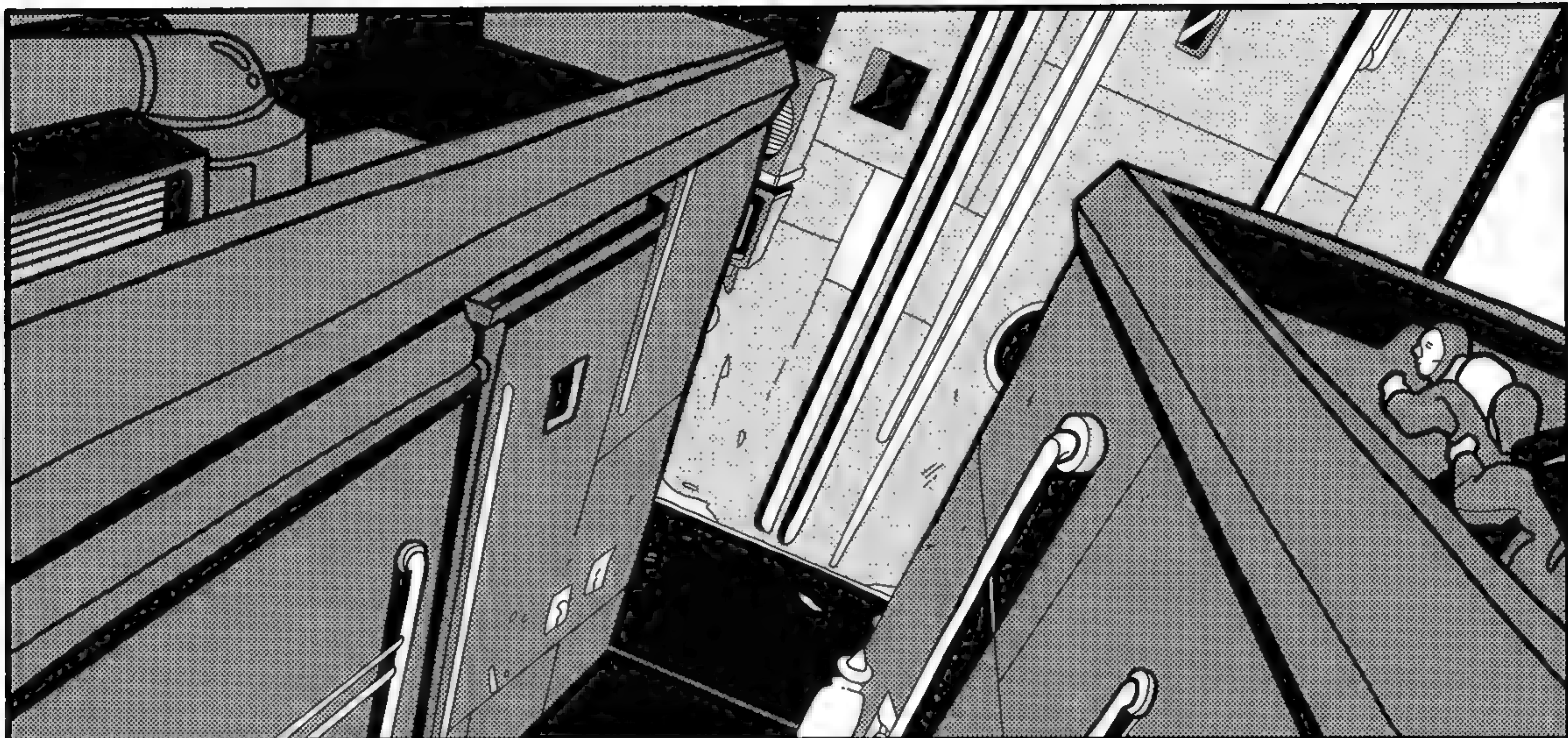


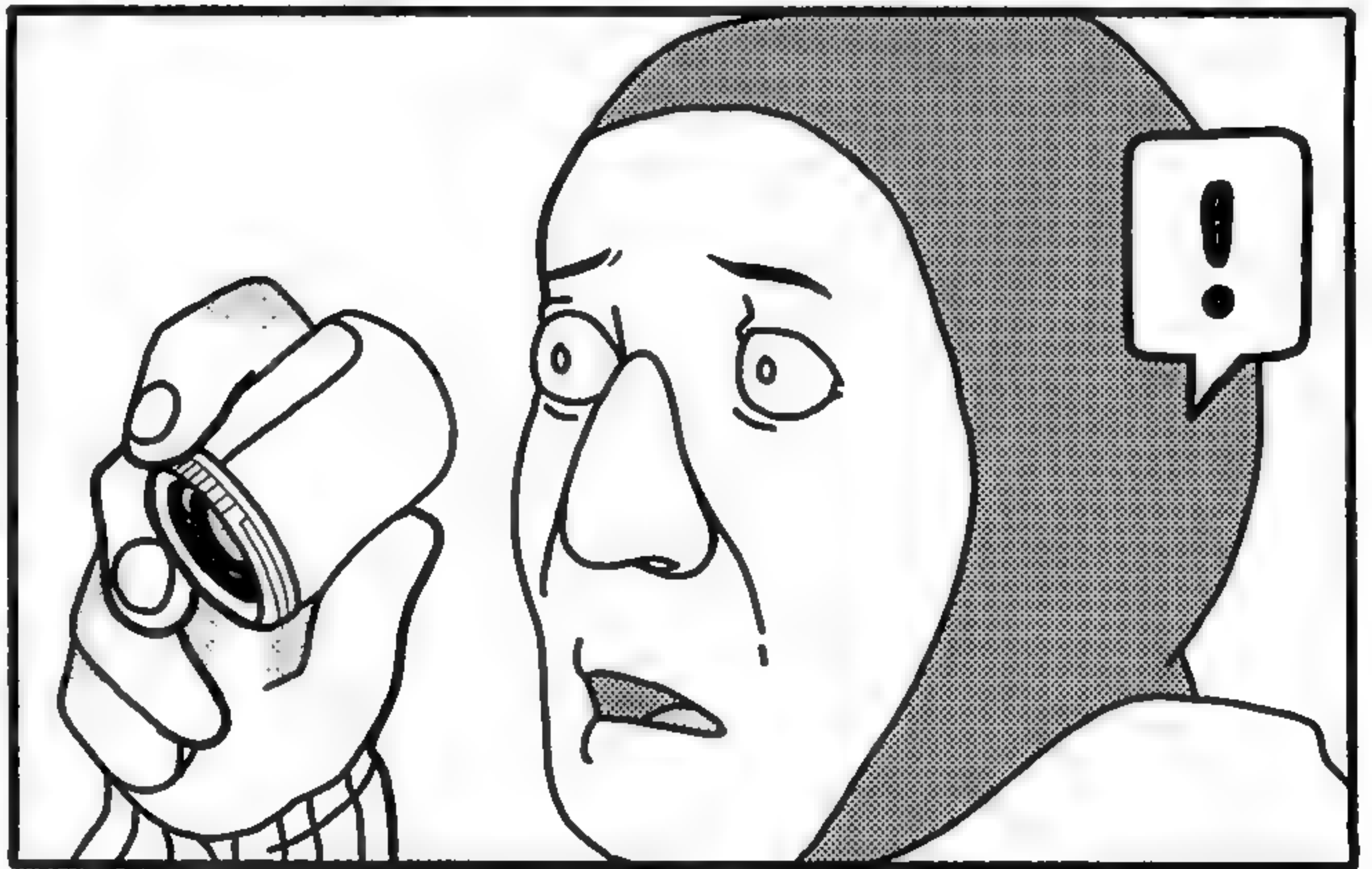
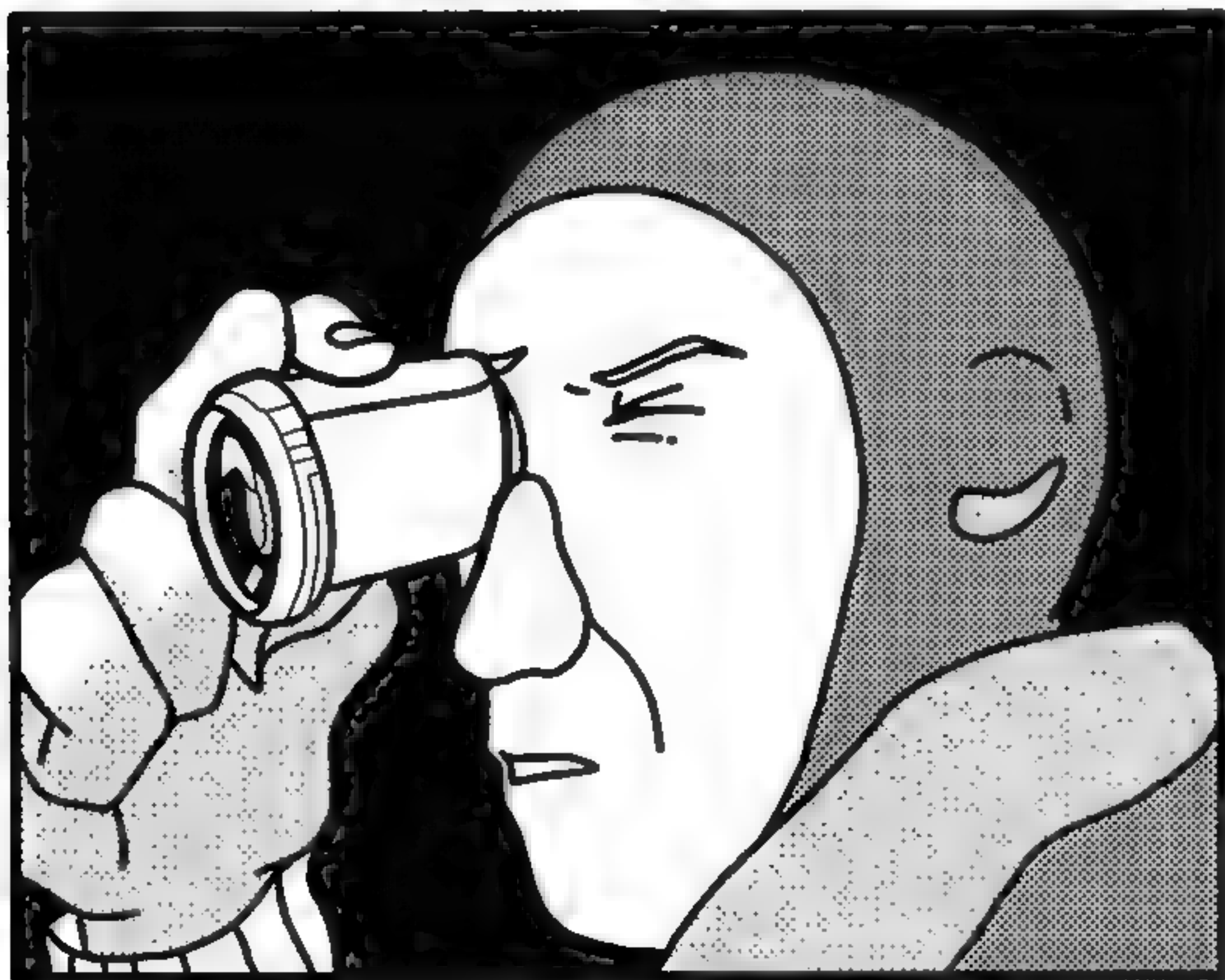
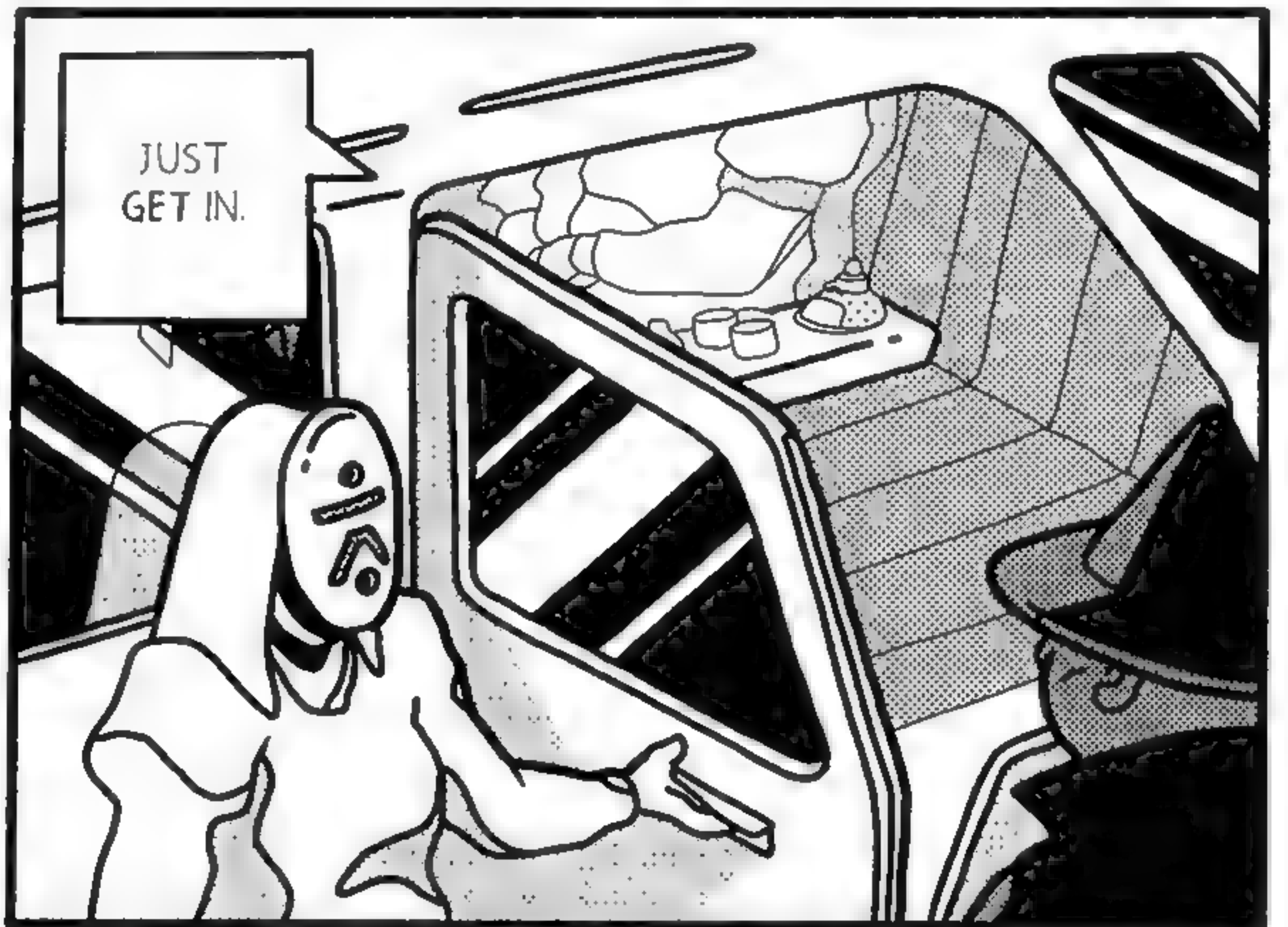
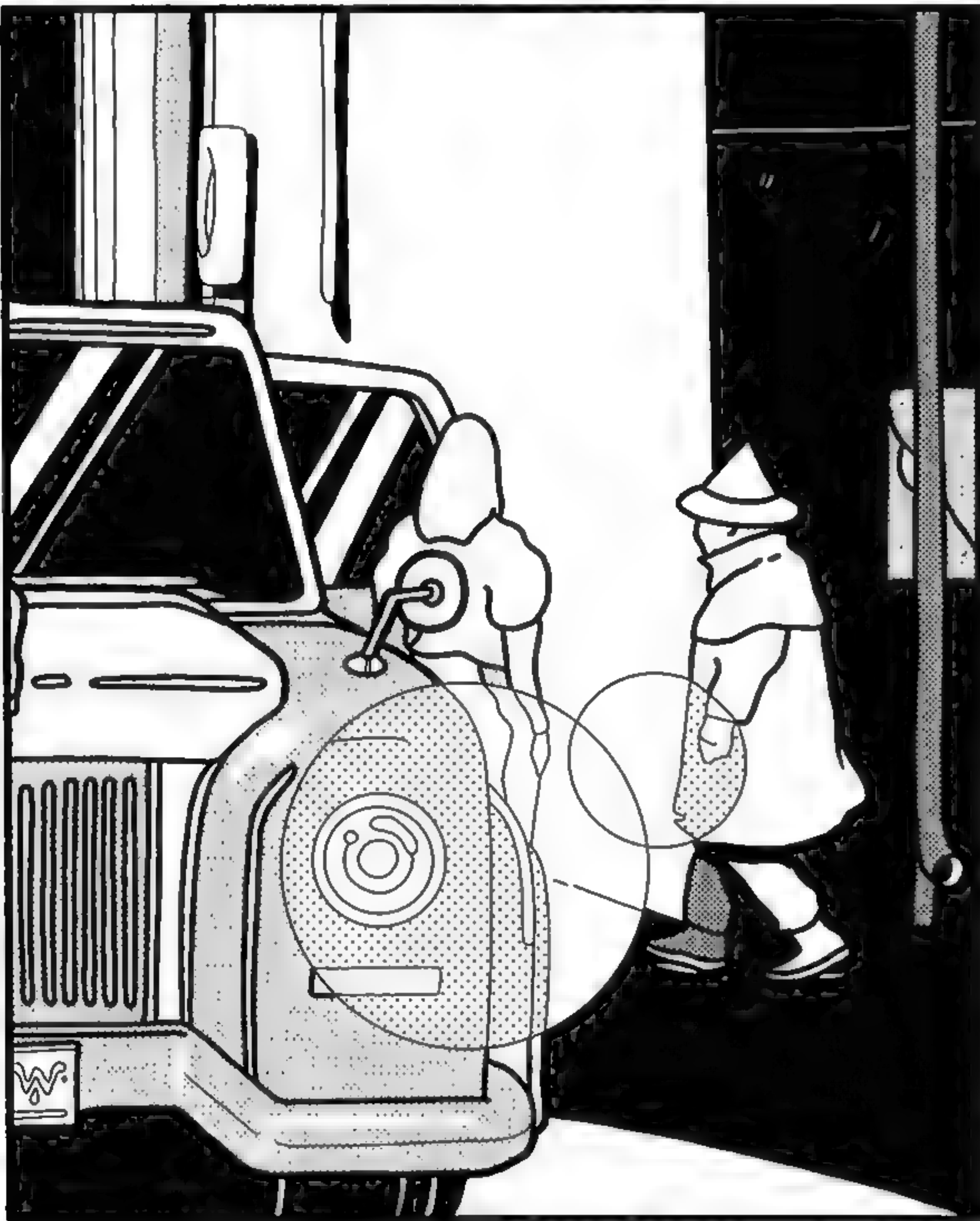




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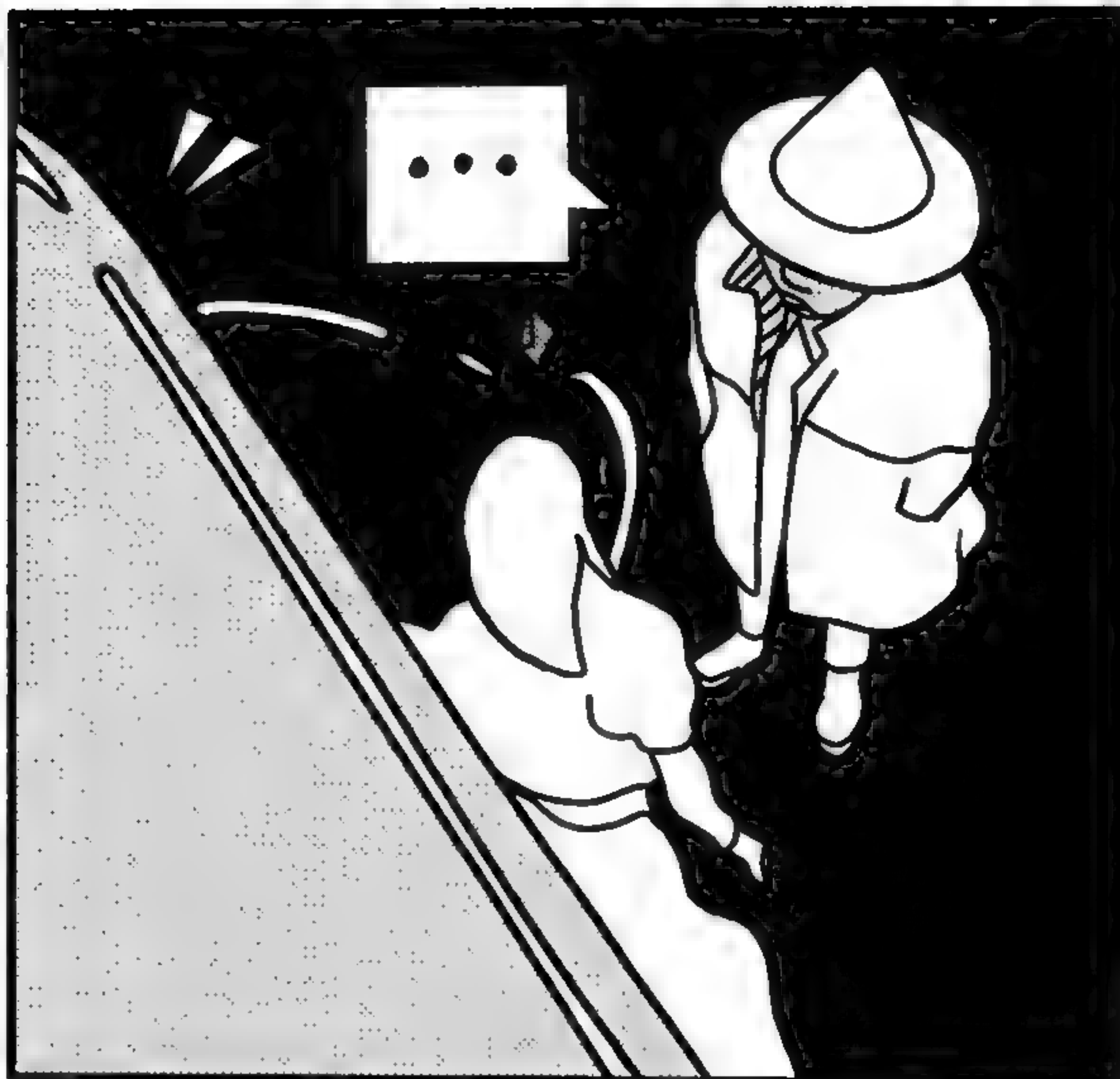


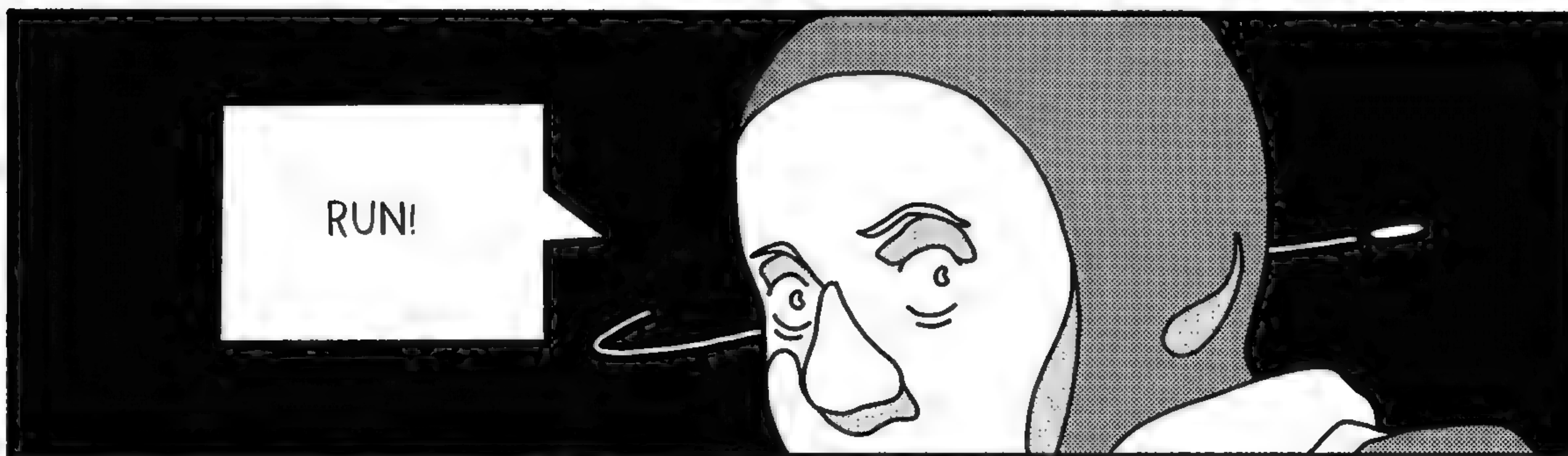
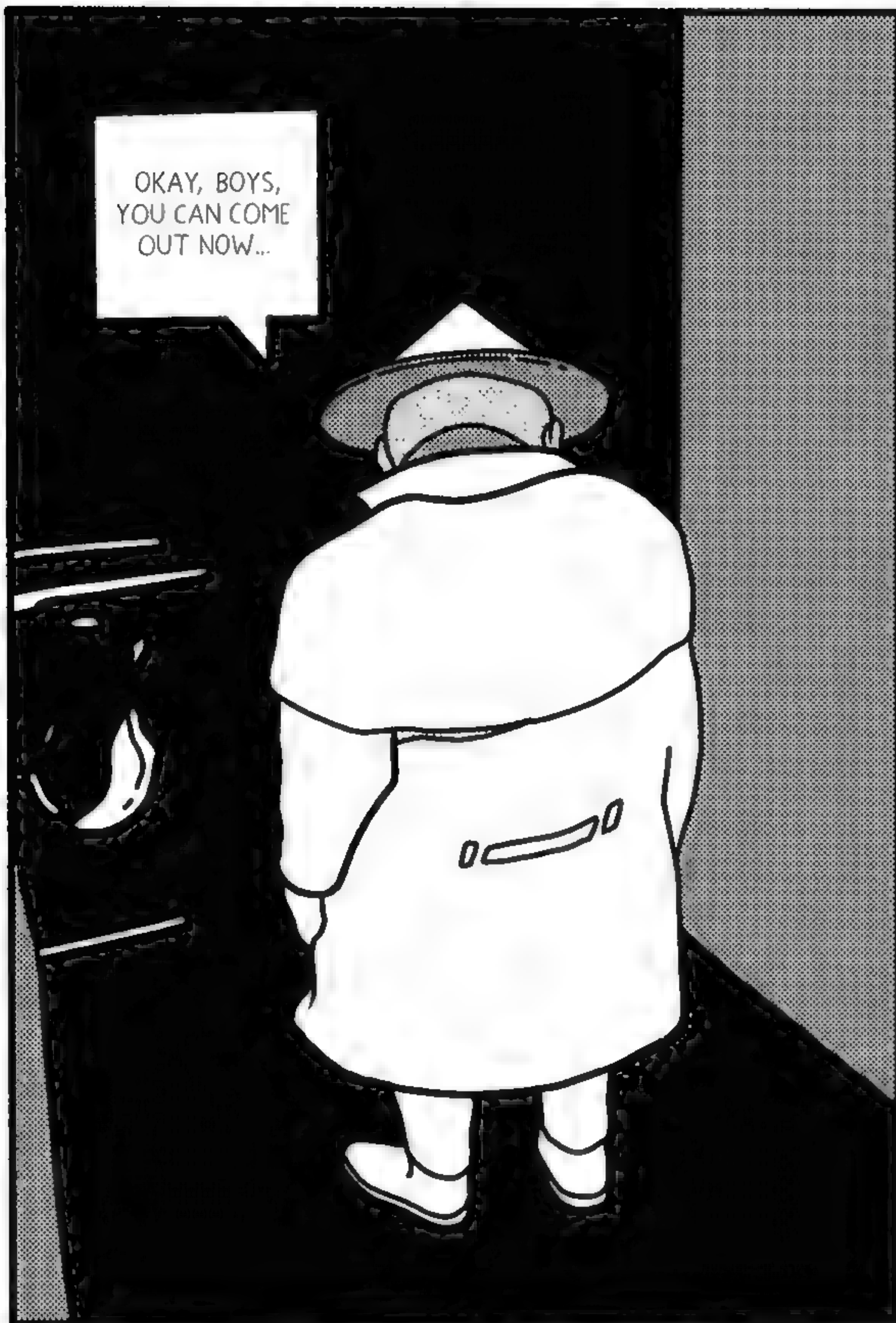


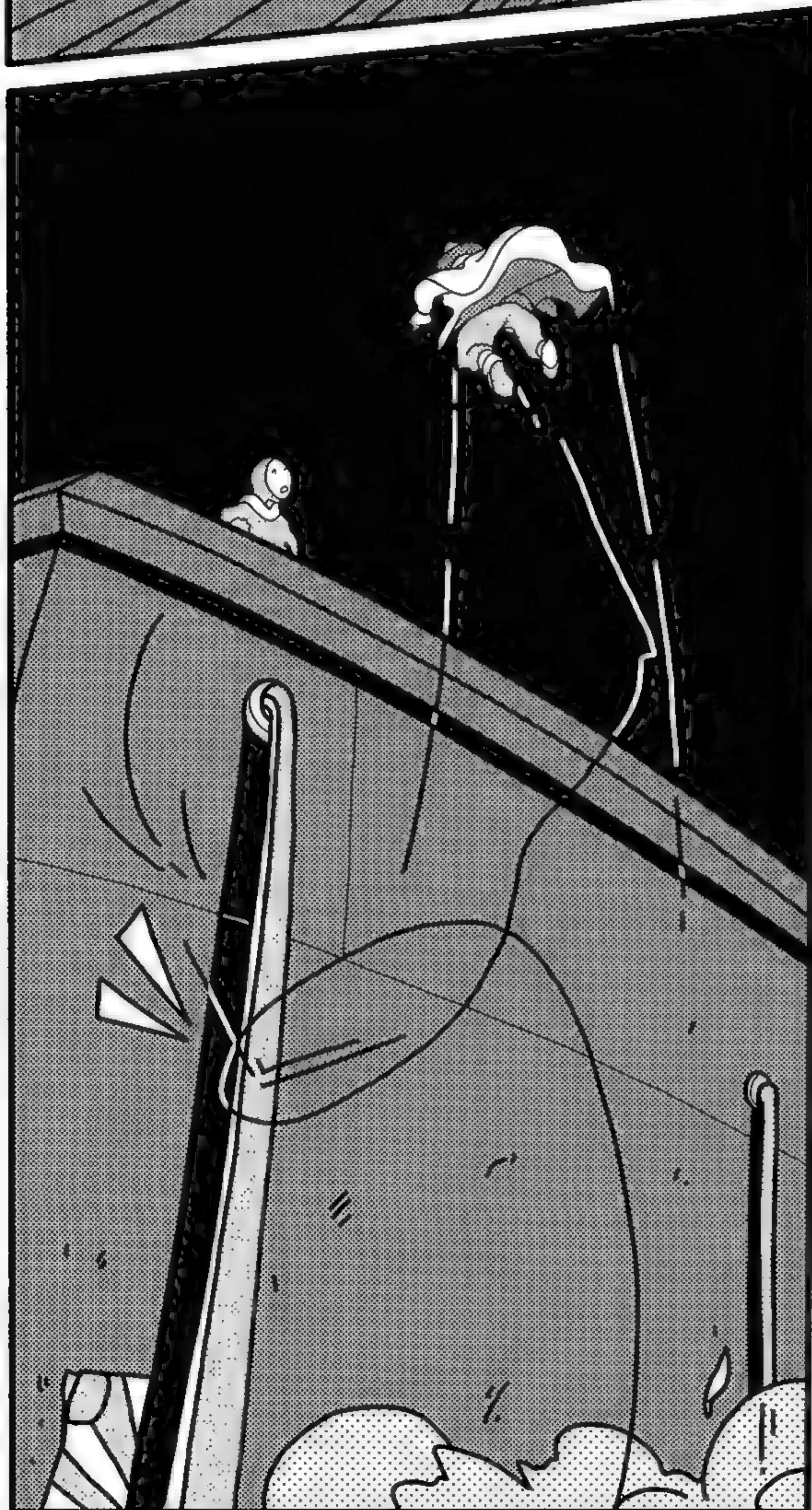
AH YES! HOW COULD I FORGET?

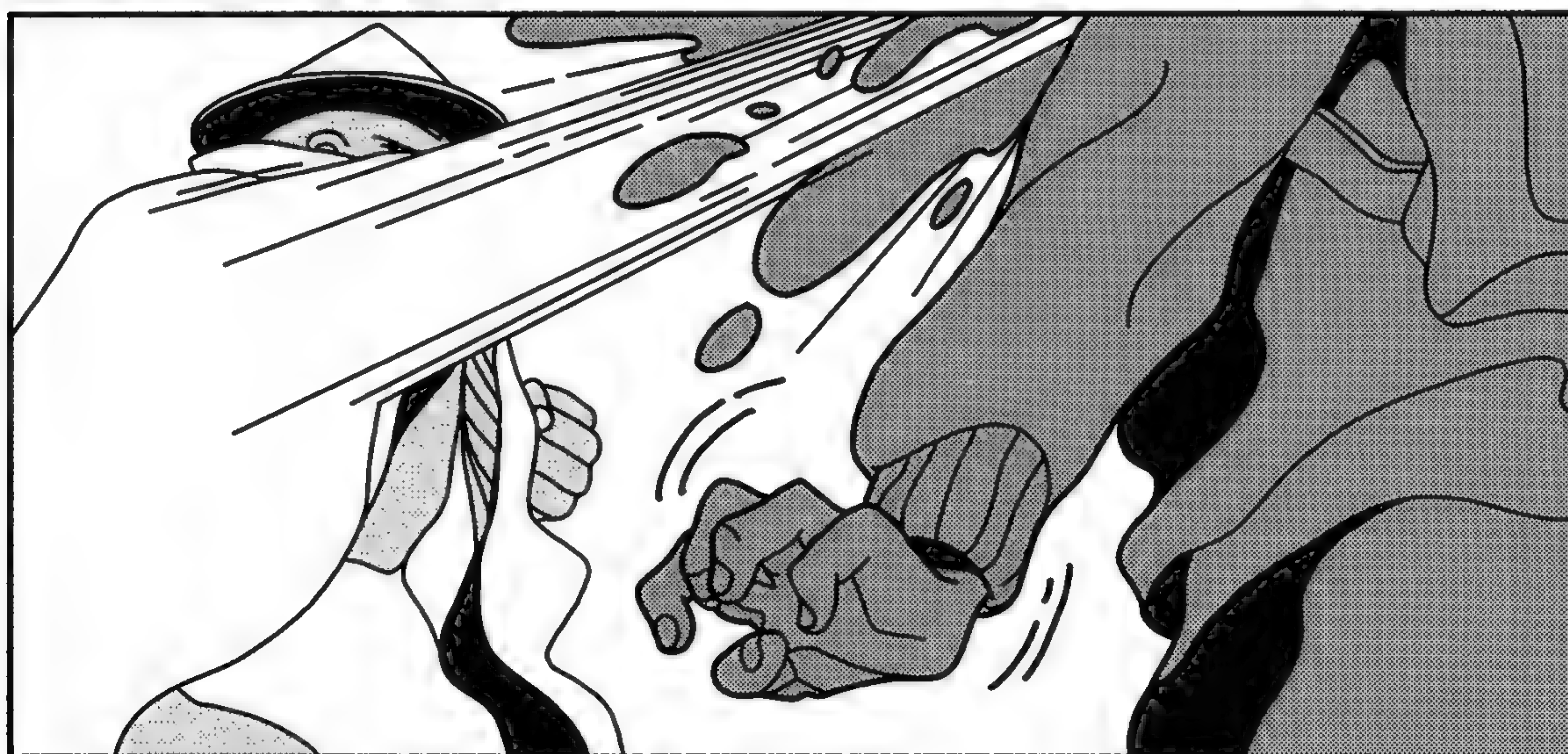
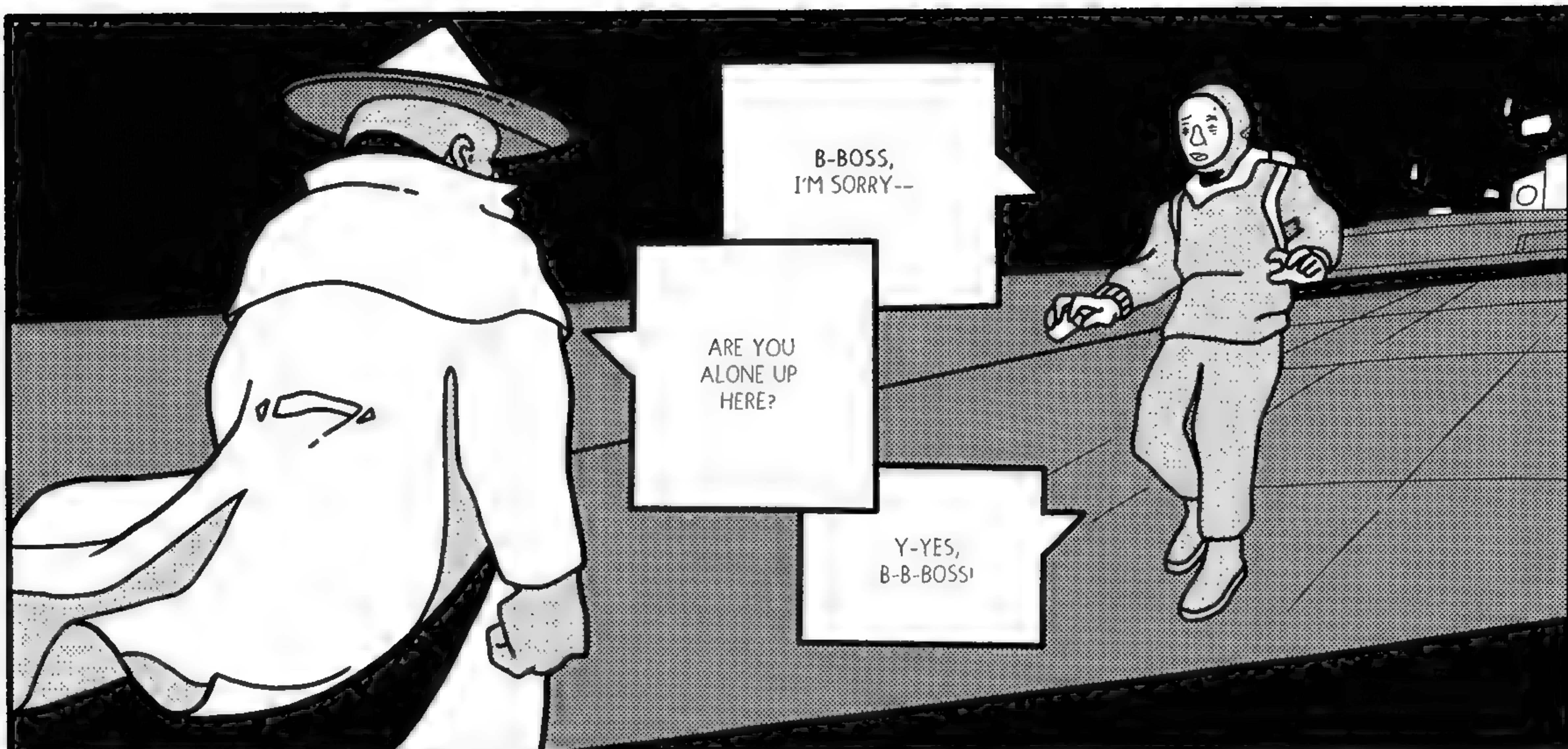


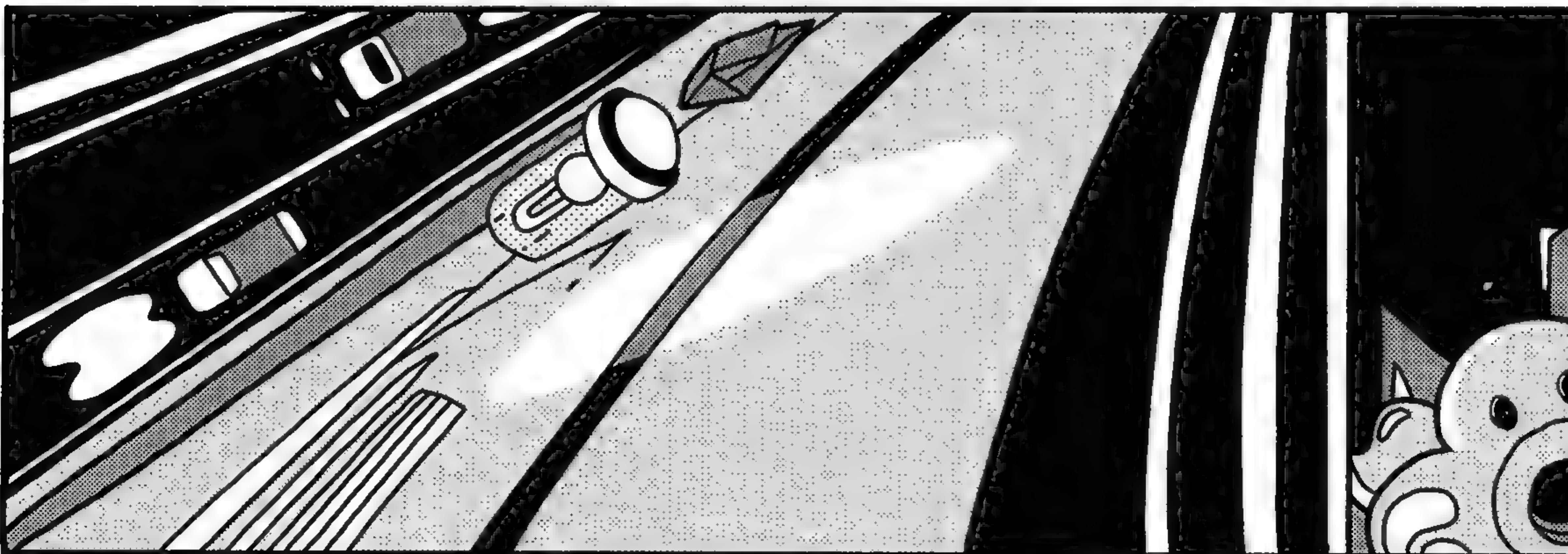
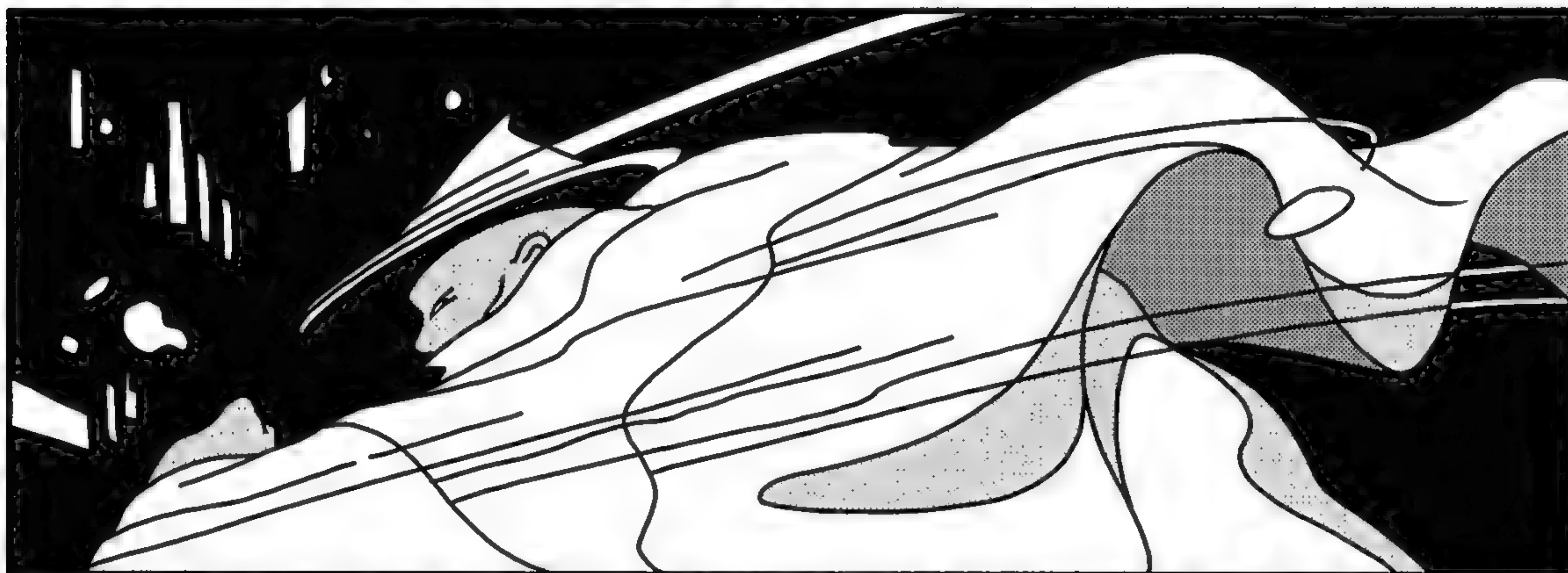


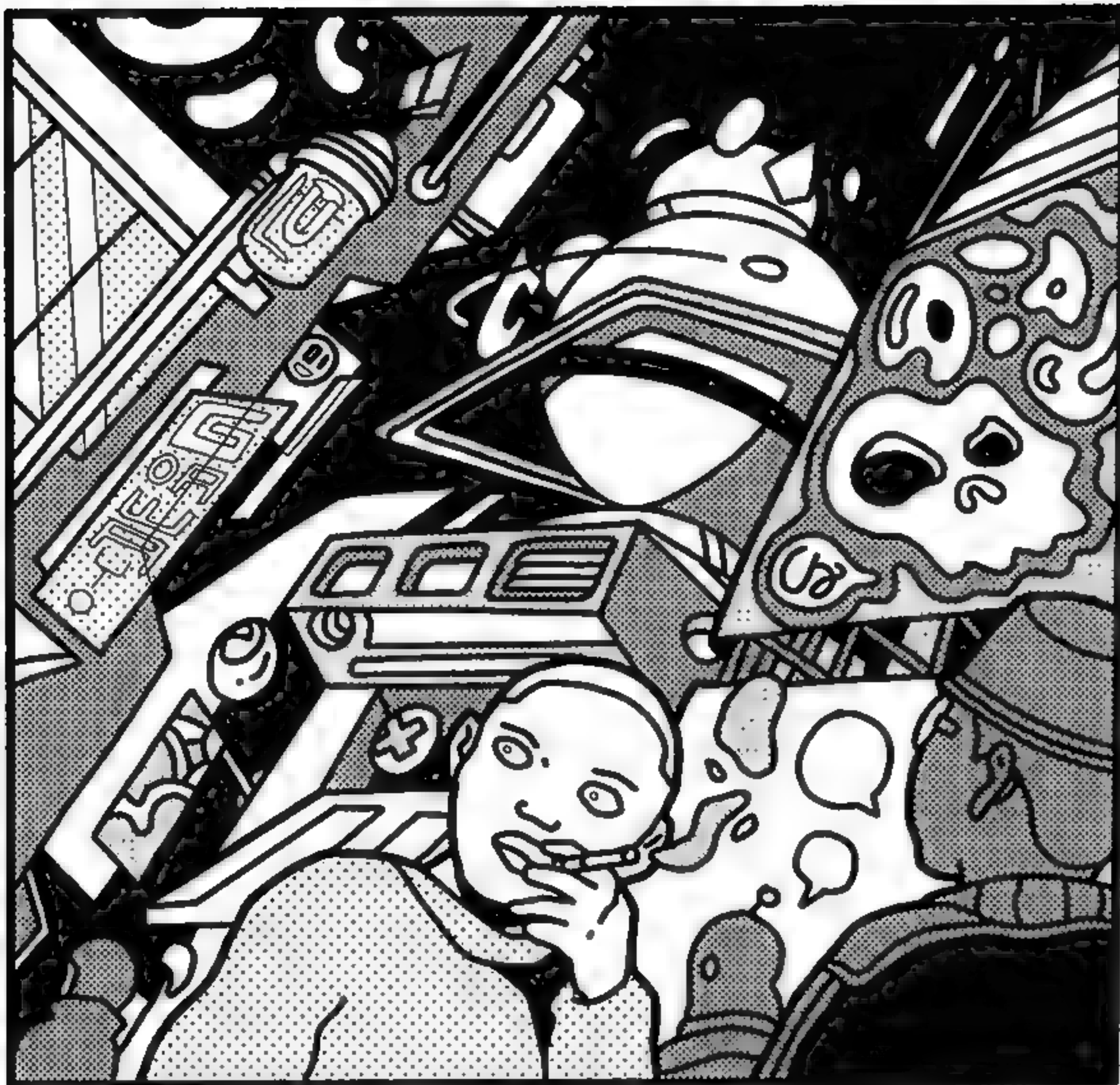












YOU'RE NOT
SUPPOSED TO CALL--
OH, IS THAT SO?
SAY NO MORE, WE'LL
TAKE IT FROM HERE.

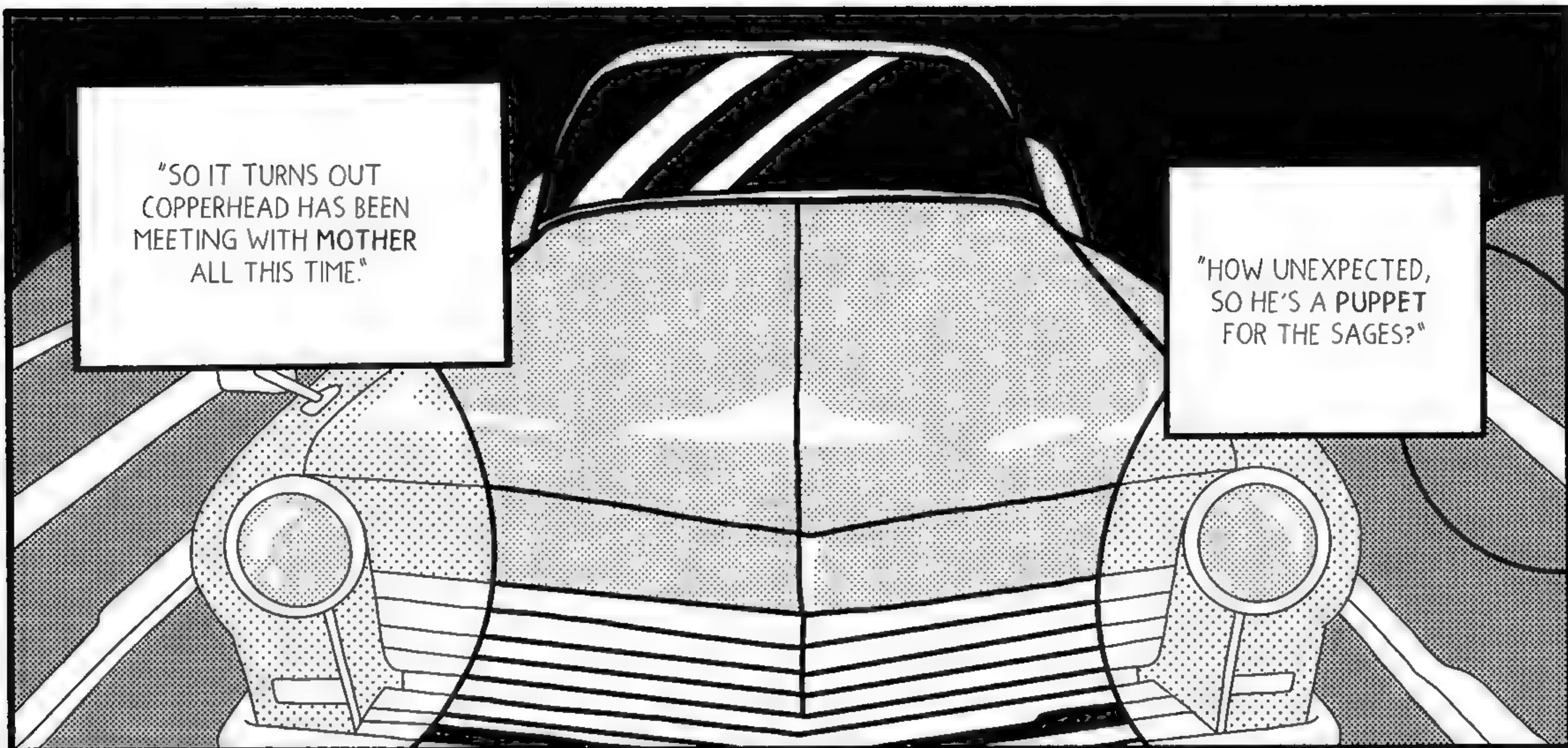


PROBLEM?

THE BABY SNAKES
FINALLY CAUGHT
THE FAT BASTARD



WE NEED TO SORT
THIS, SWIFTLY--
FILL ME IN ON THE
DETAILS IN THE CAR.



"SO IT TURNS OUT
COPPERHEAD HAS BEEN
MEETING WITH MOTHER
ALL THIS TIME."

"HOW UNEXPECTED,
SO HE'S A PUPPET
FOR THE SAGES?"



"CERTAINLY SEEMS
THAT WAY..."

"...THE SHADOW MENTIONED
SOMETHING ABOUT A MEETUP
WITH BLACK COTTON, WHICH NOW
HAS ME SECOND-GUESSING THIS
BLUE FILM MISSION."

"HMM, WHY SO?"



"WHAT ABOUT
BLACK COTTON?"



"THINK ABOUT IT,
WE WERE TOLD THE
ORDER CAME FROM ABOVE
BY COPPERHEAD AND
WENT WITH IT-- BUT WHAT
IF THE ORDER NEVER WAS?"

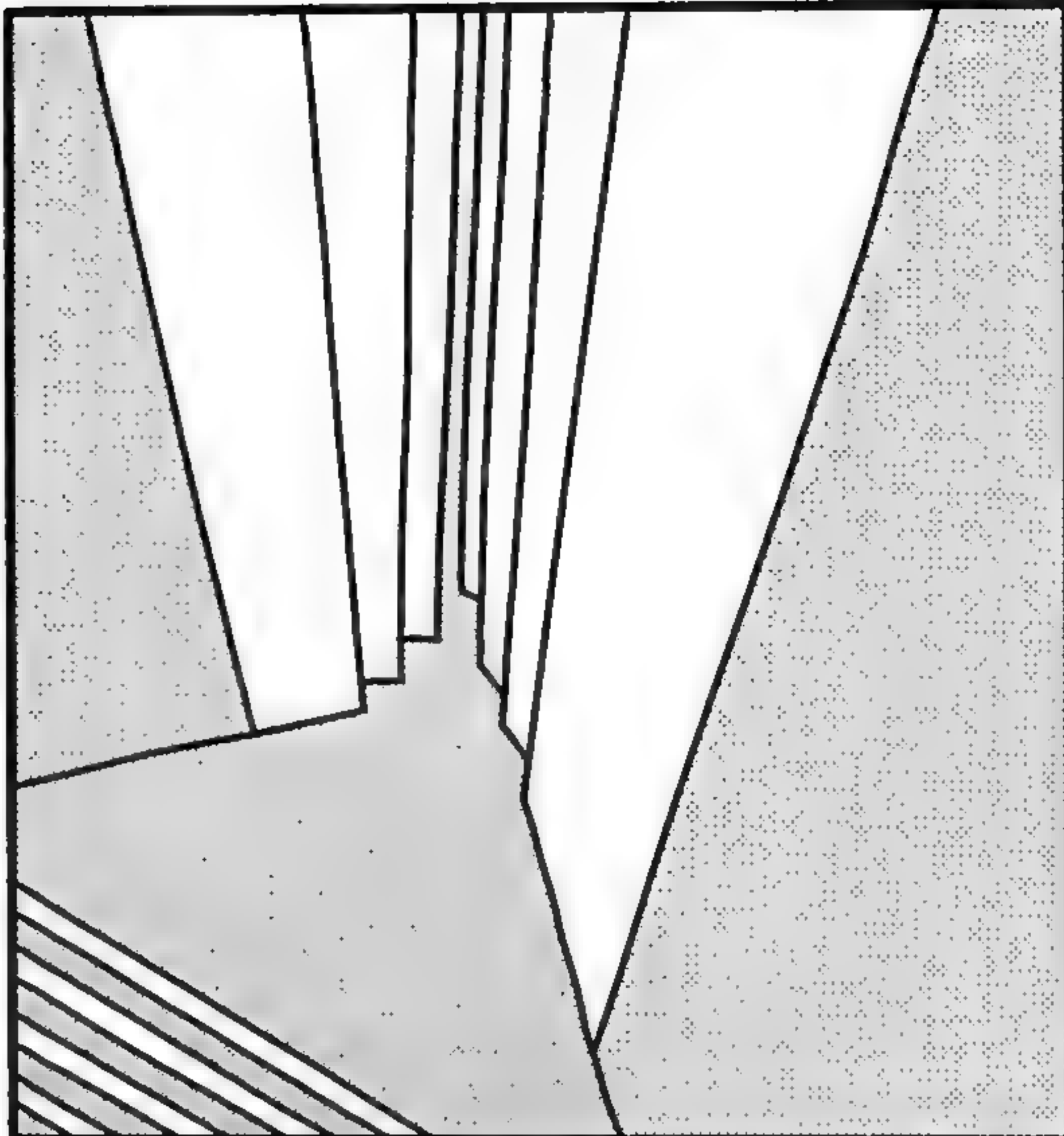
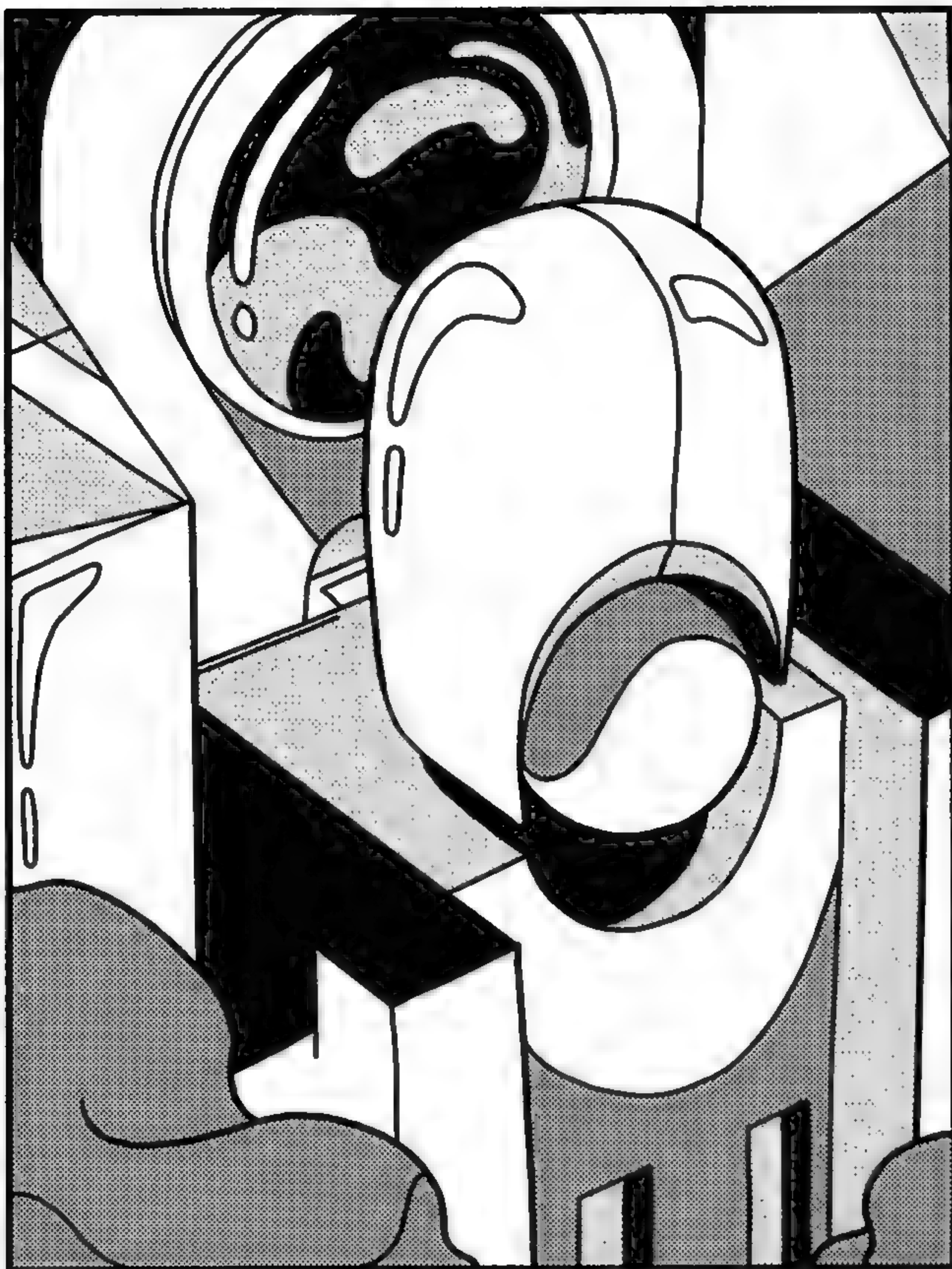


"THAT WOULD
MEAN BLACK COTTON
IS ABOUT TO
IGNITE A WAR."

"...AND WE'RE HIS
ACCOMPLICES-- WE
NEED TO FIND THE
FAT BASTARD, FIND OUT
WHAT HE'S DONE--
THEN SLAY THE SNAKE!



"WE'LL JUST HAVE
TO BE READY TO
COLLECT HIM-- HE CAN
STILL BE UTILIZED...
HEAD TO THE FACILITY
MINES-- I'M SURE HE'LL
BE RETURNING FOR
MORE CRYSTALS."





I'M GONNA
BREAK YOU,
TRAITOR.



LET THIS BE
THE LAST TIME
YOU UNDERESTIMATE
ME, MASTER WOLF

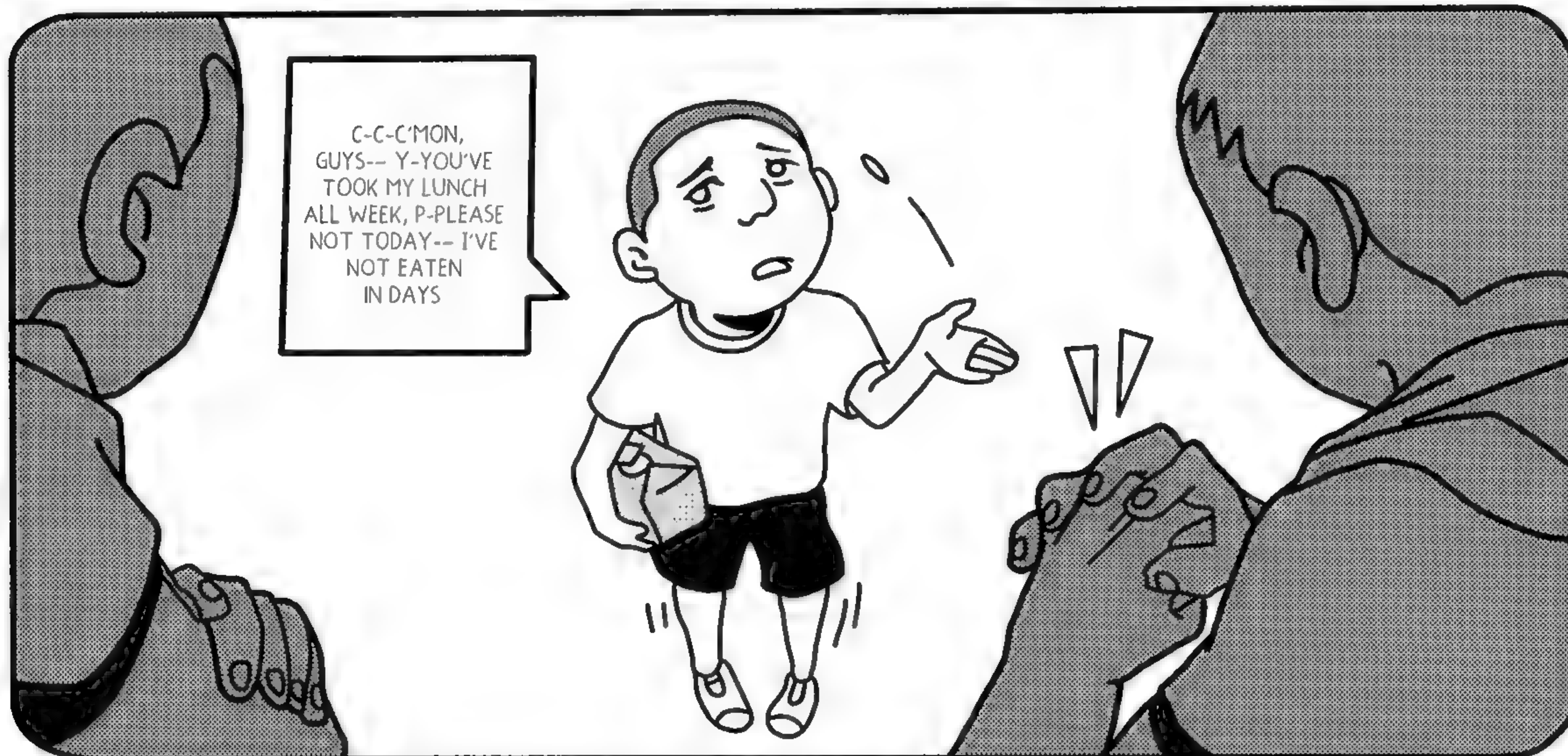


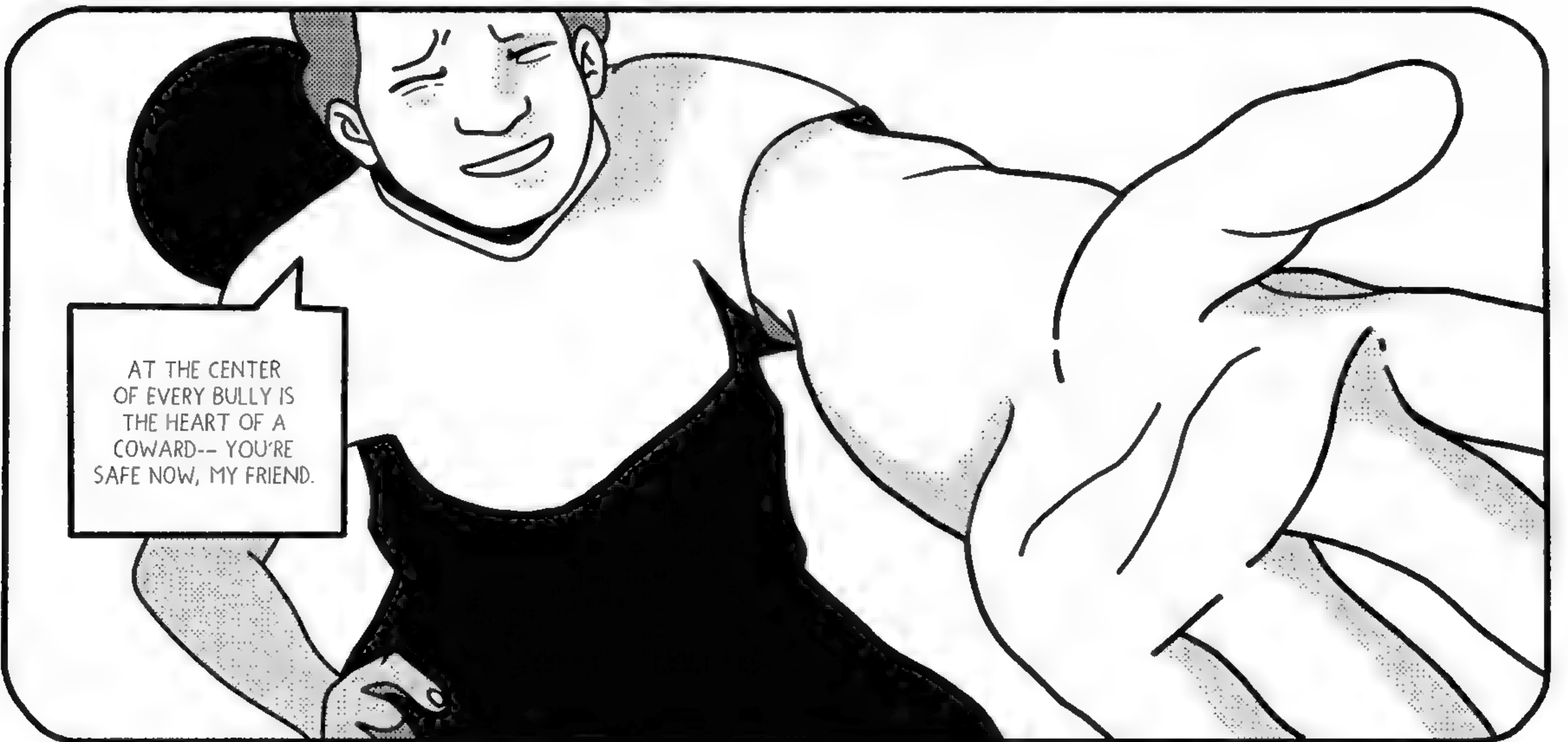
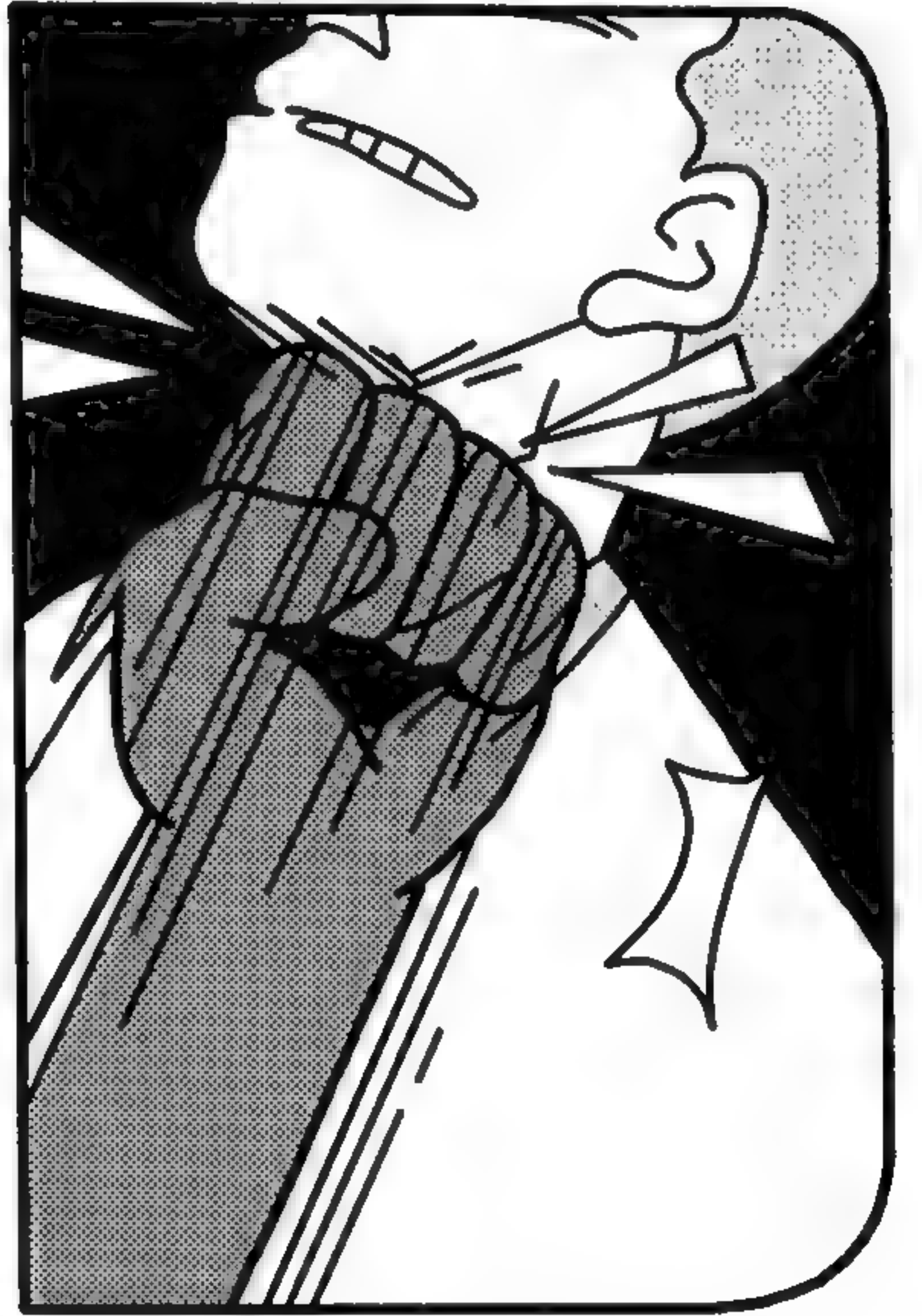
HMPF, I SAVED
YOU-- BROUGHT
YOU IN...

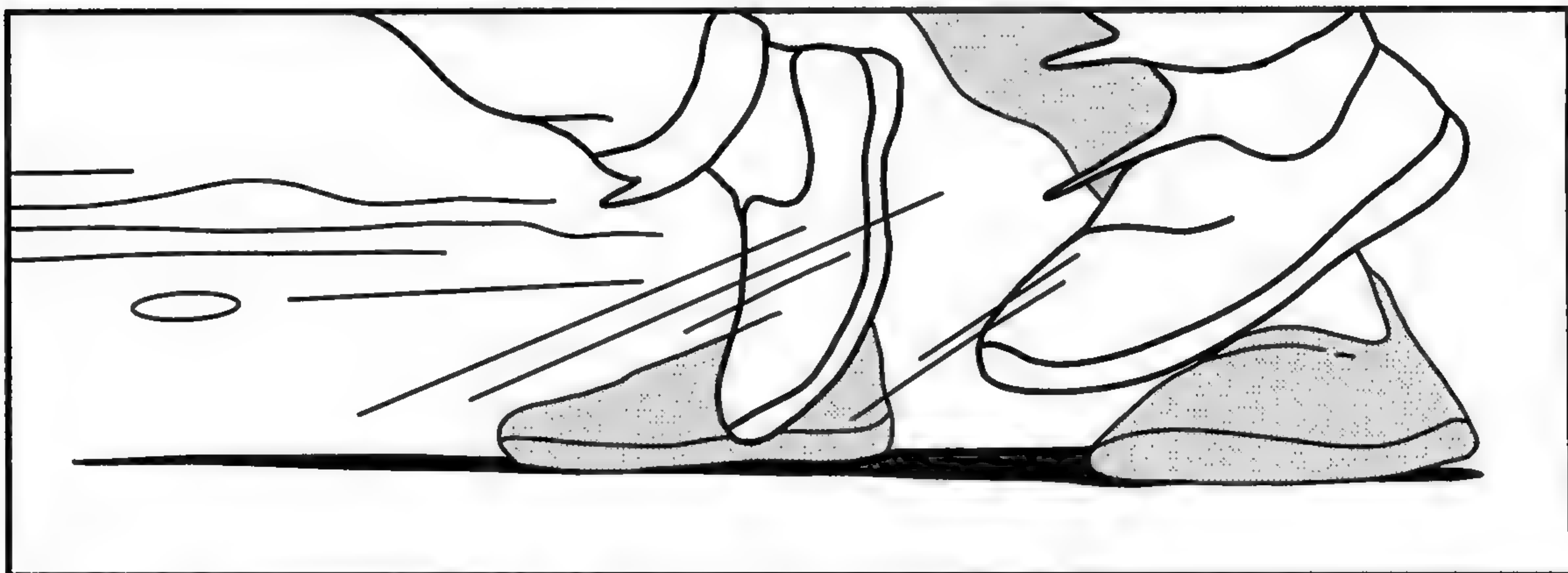
"...WHEN YOU
WERE JUST A
SNOTTY-NOSED,
BULLIED KID"

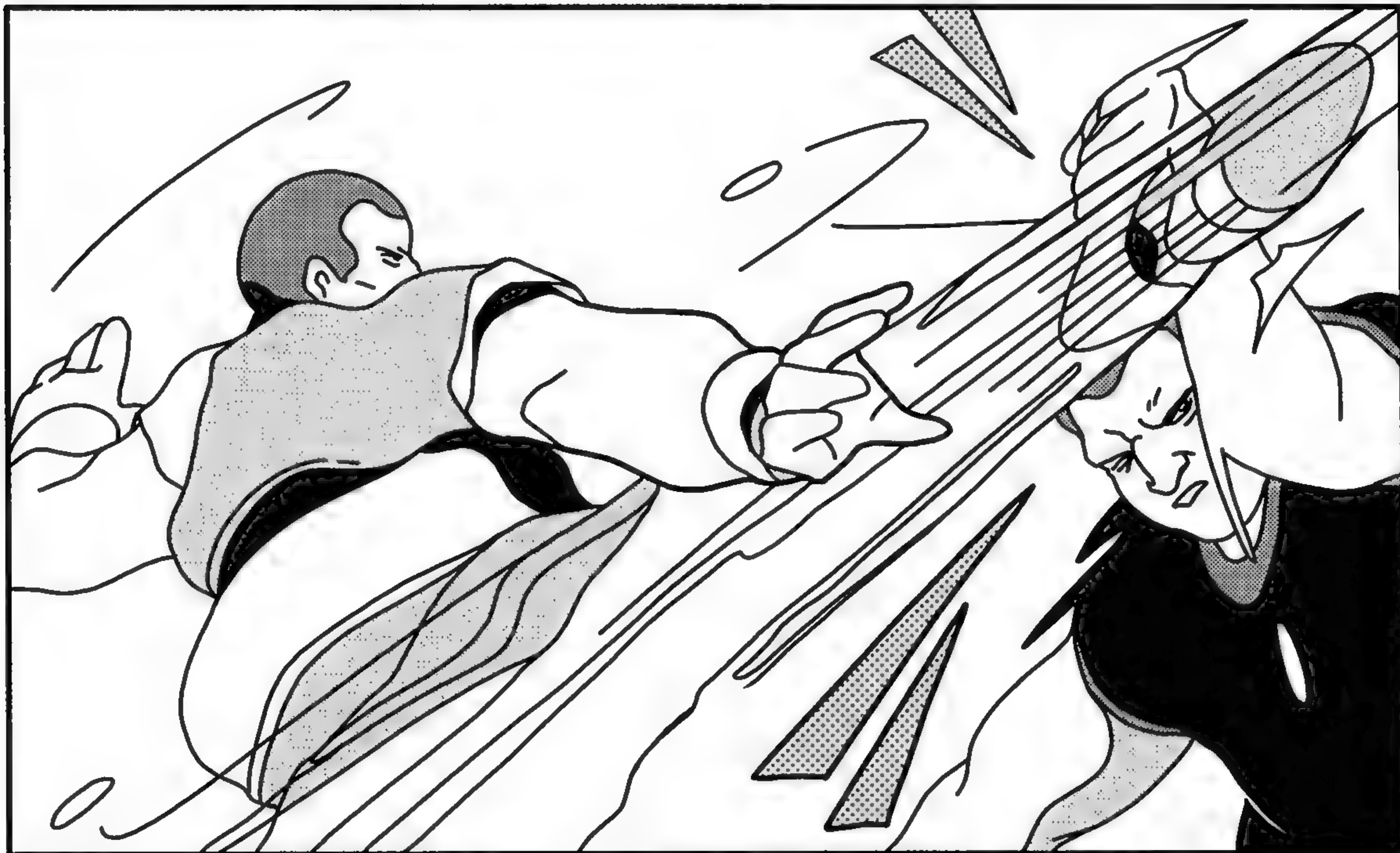
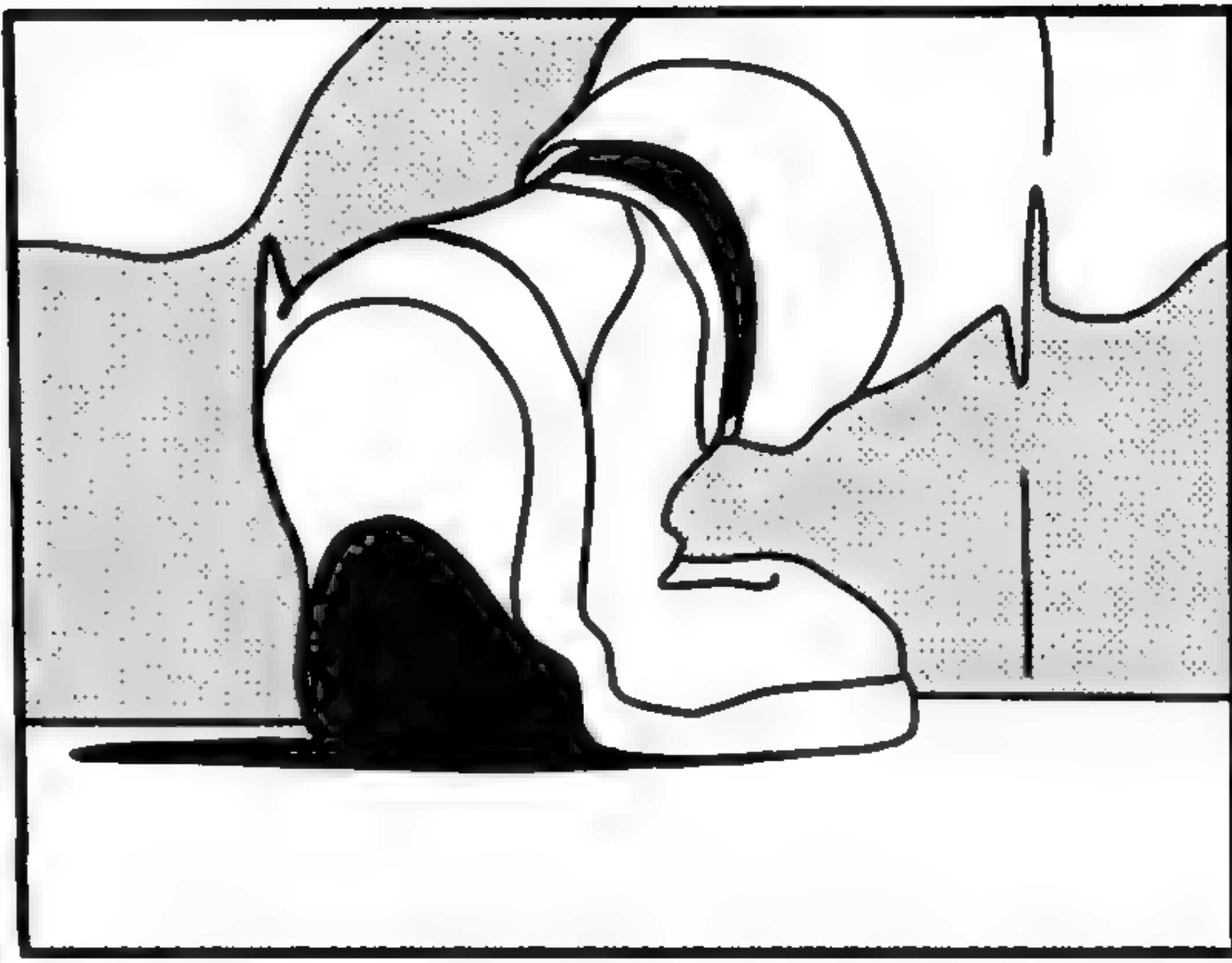
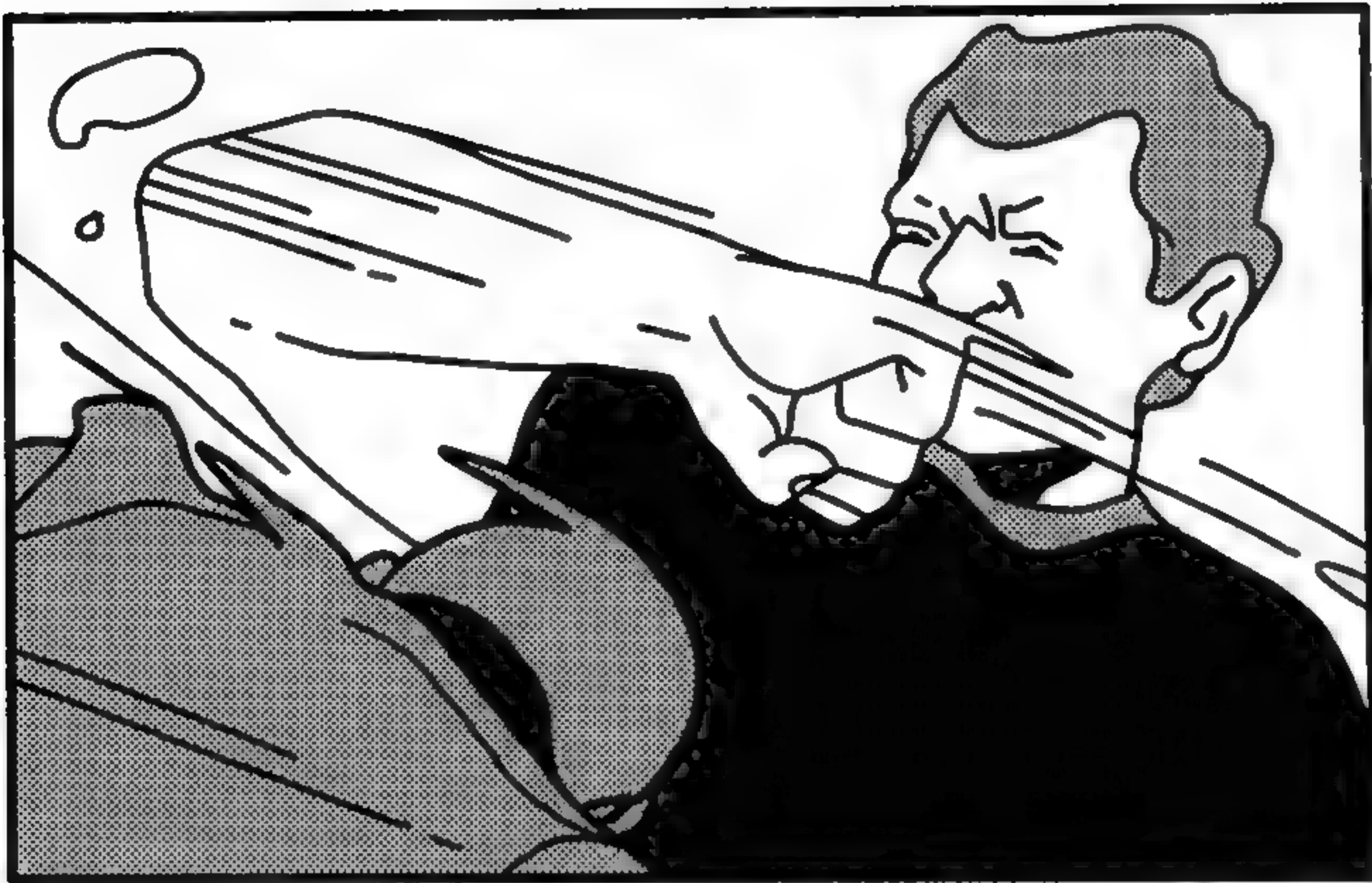


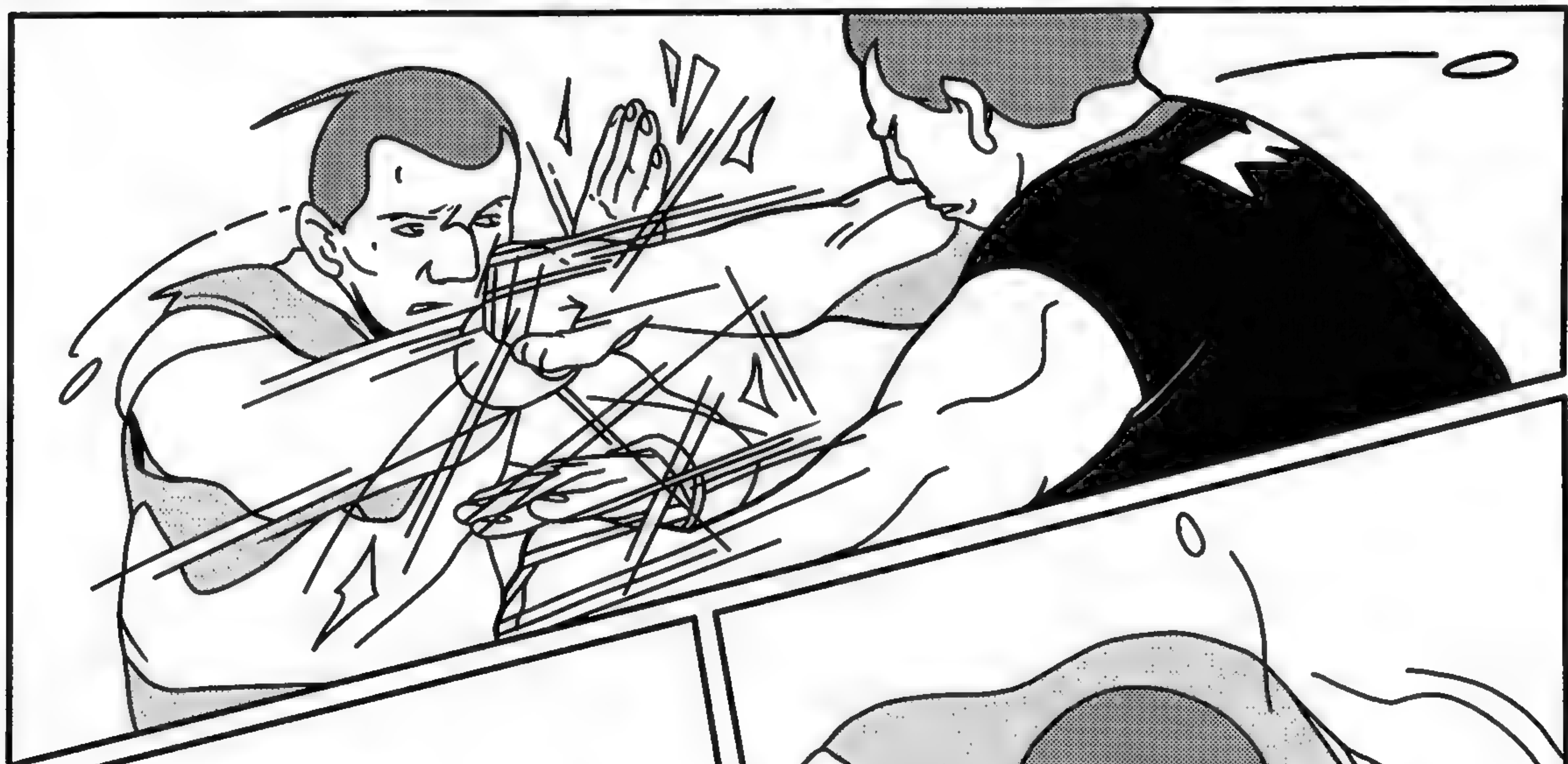
IMAGINE THAT--
MY SAVIOR
BECOMES THE VERY
THING HE SAVED
ME FROM, HEH HEH.

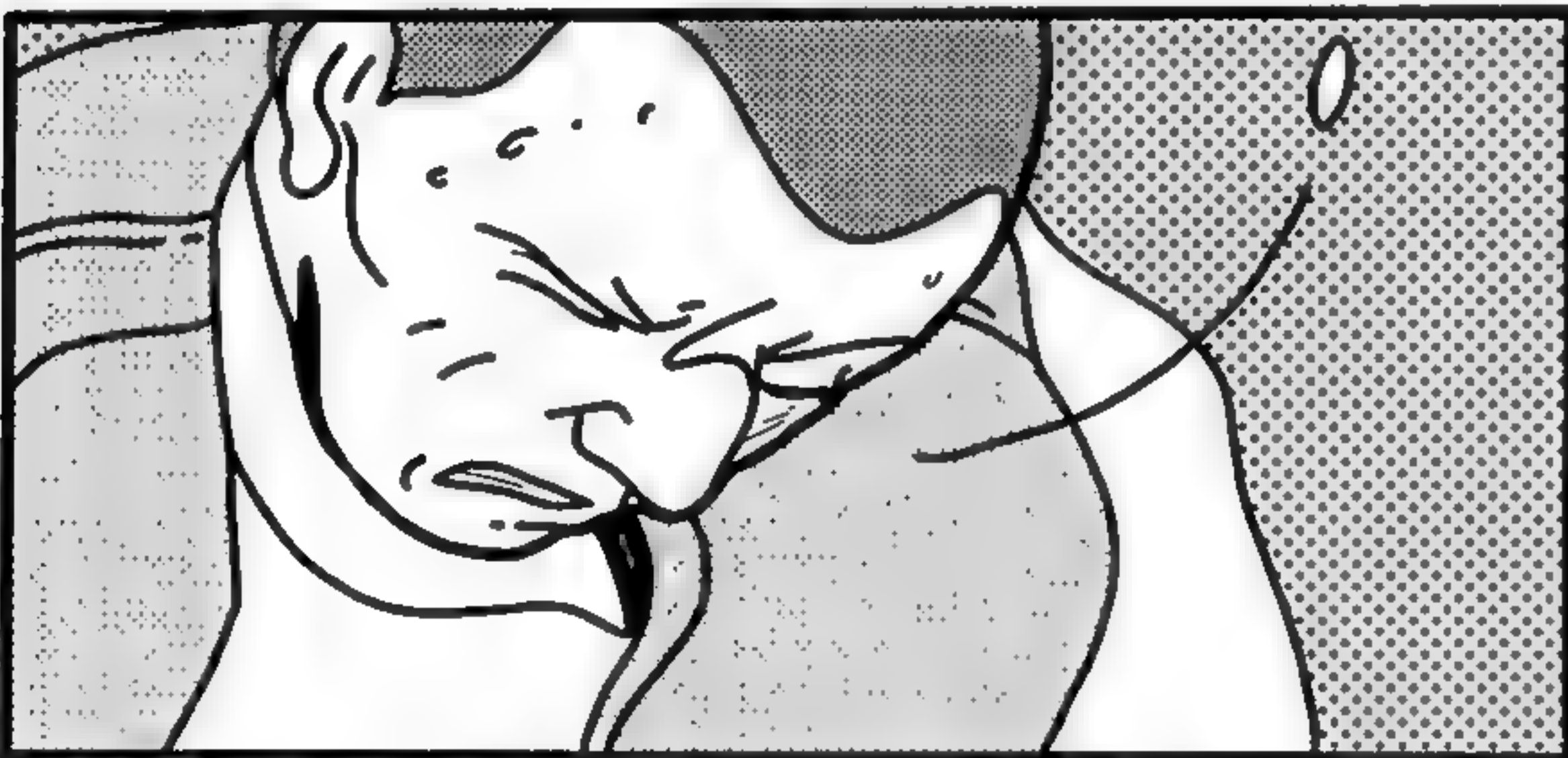


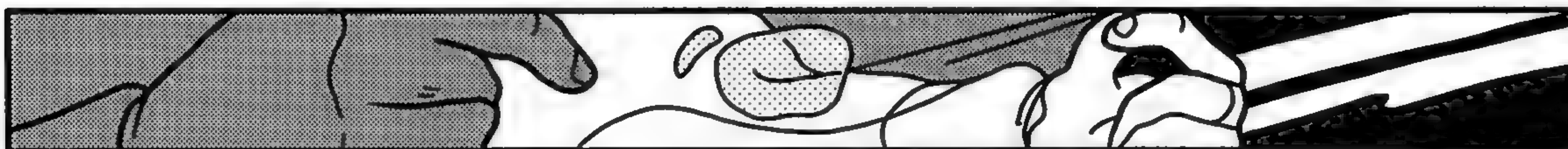
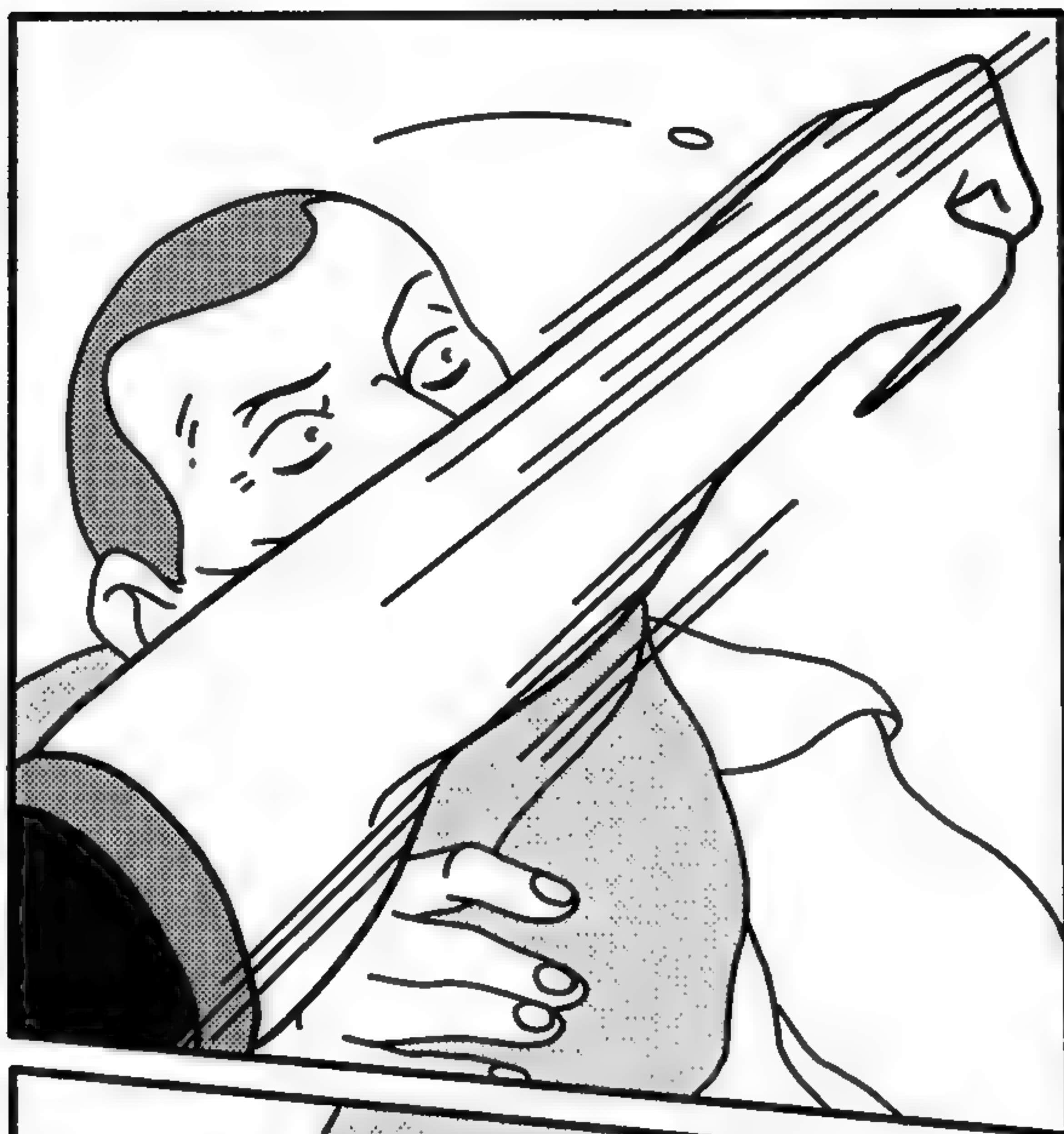


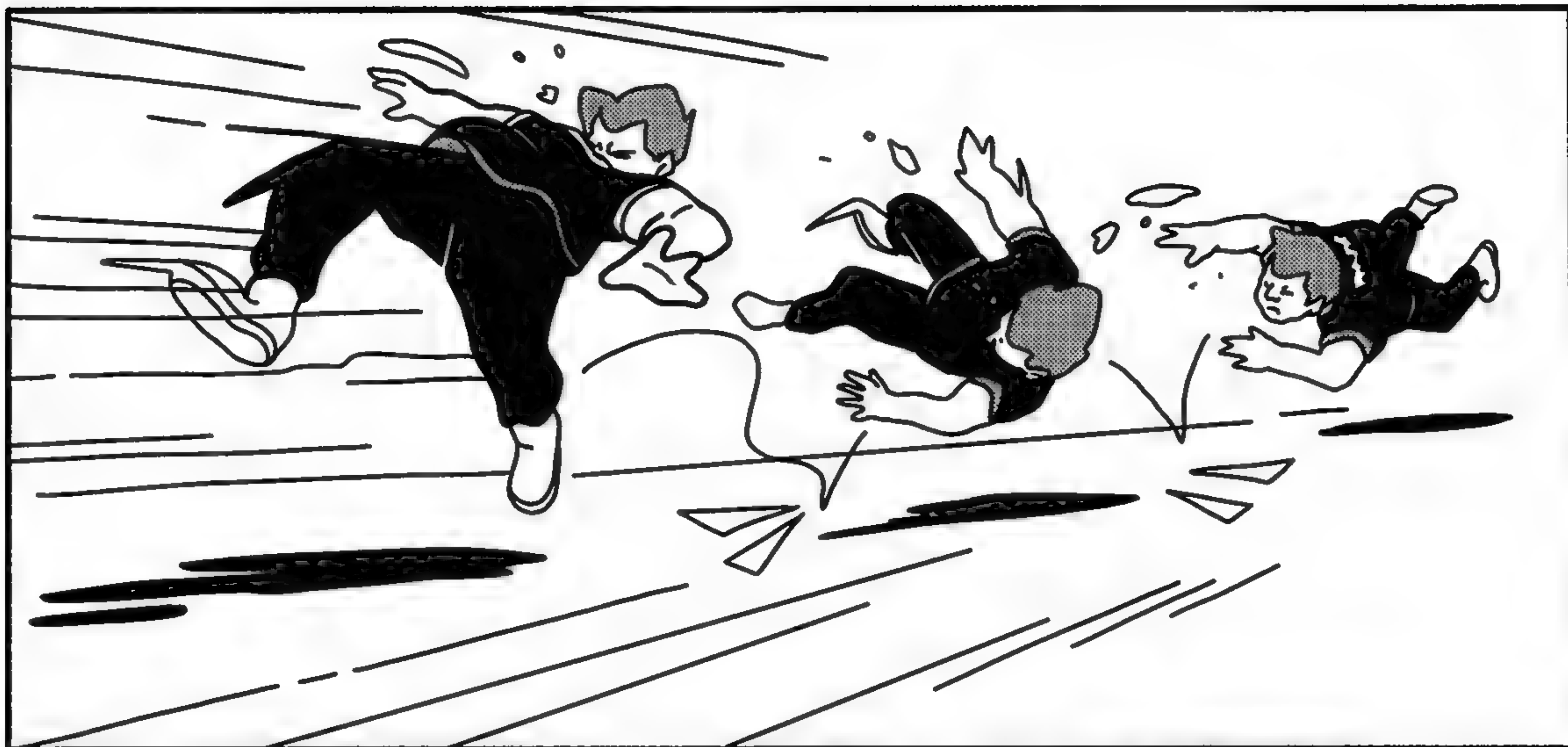


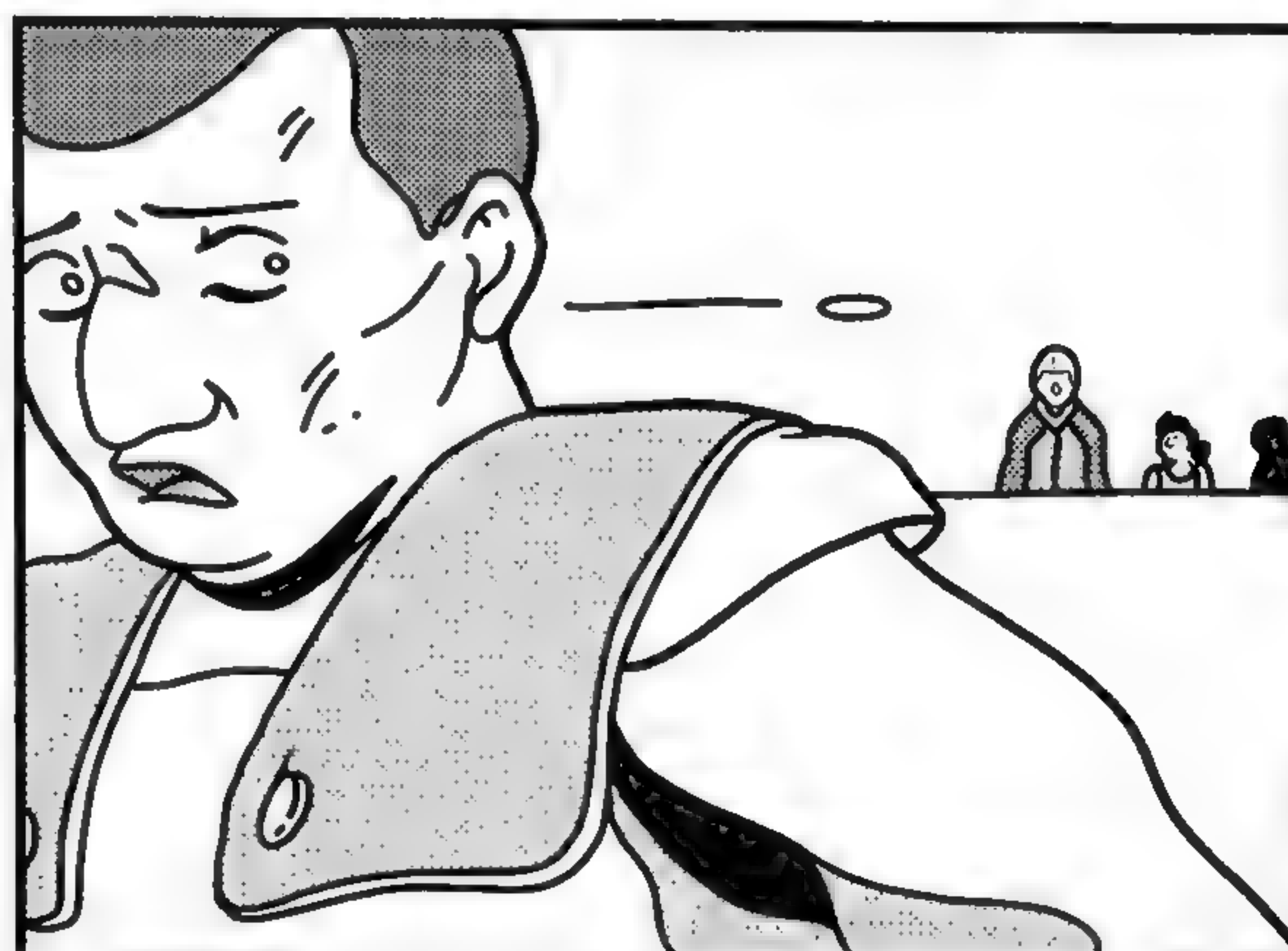
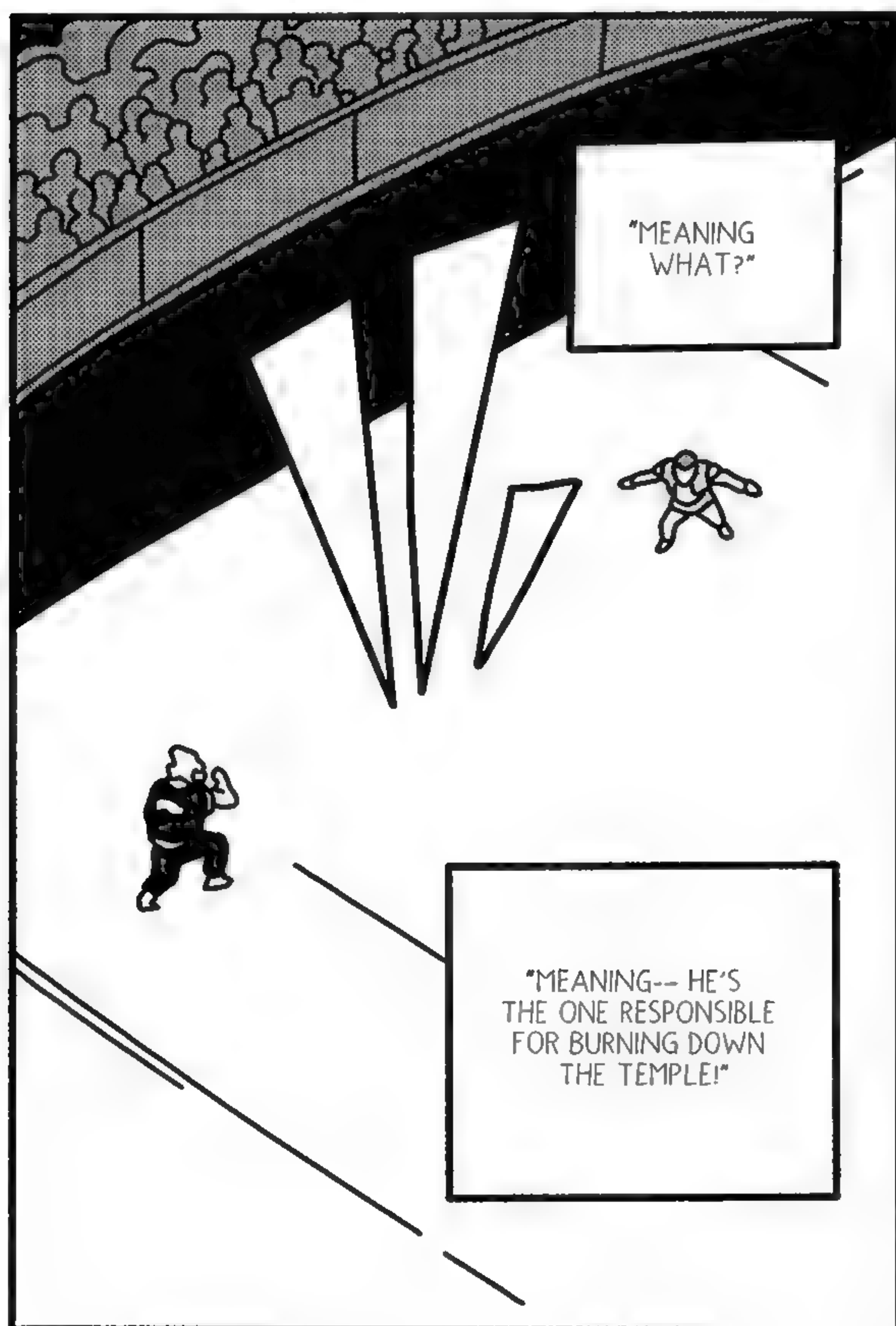


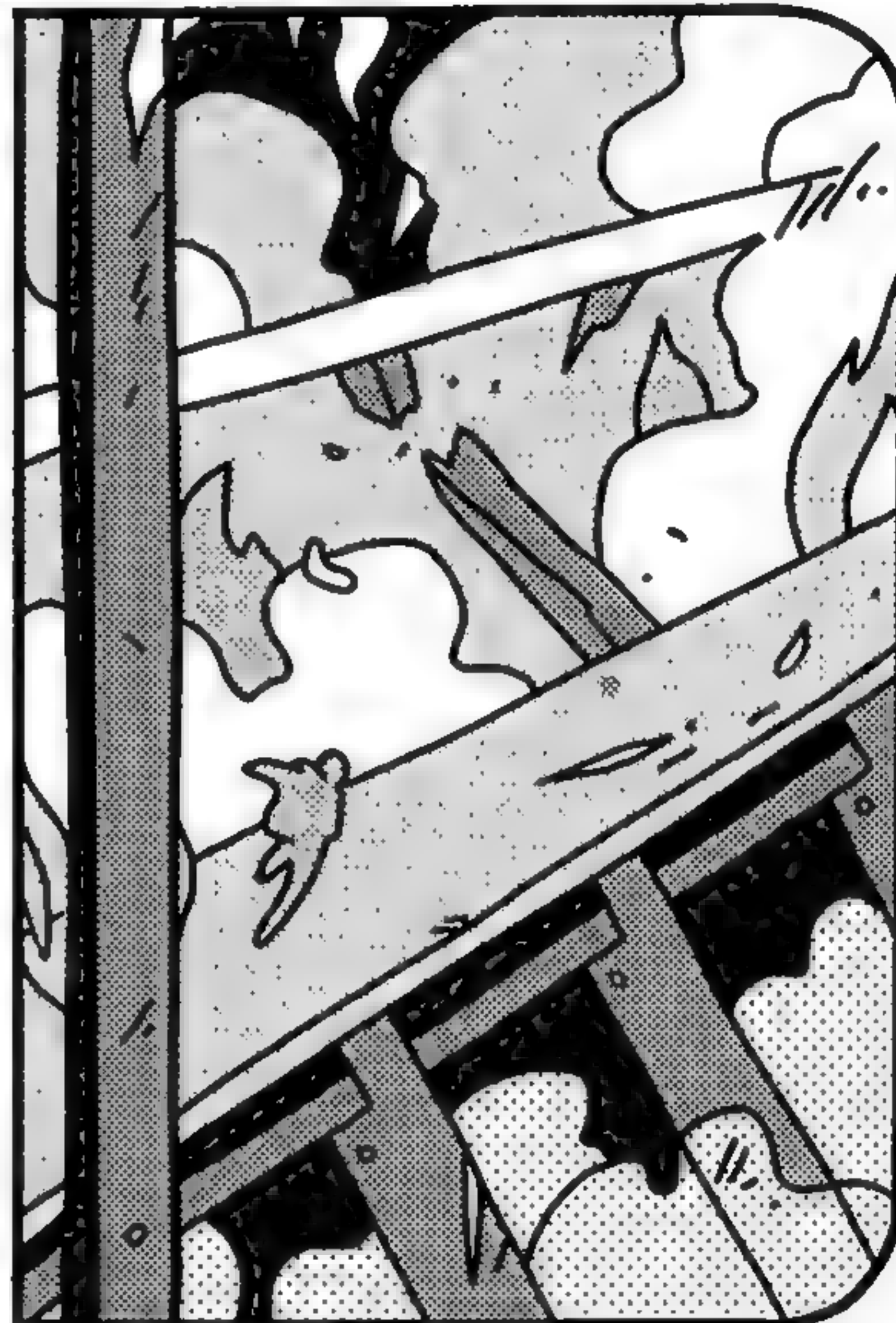


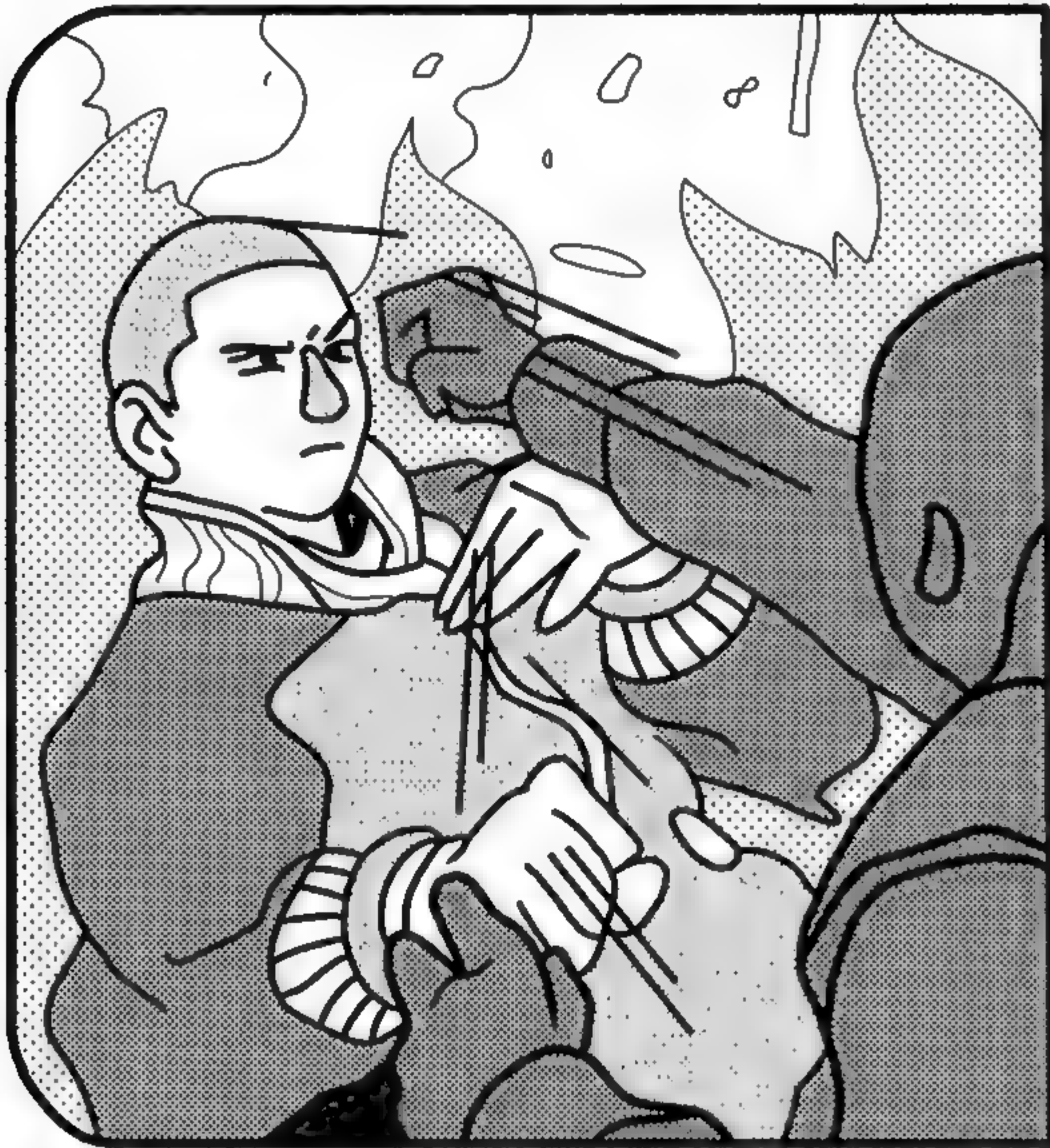
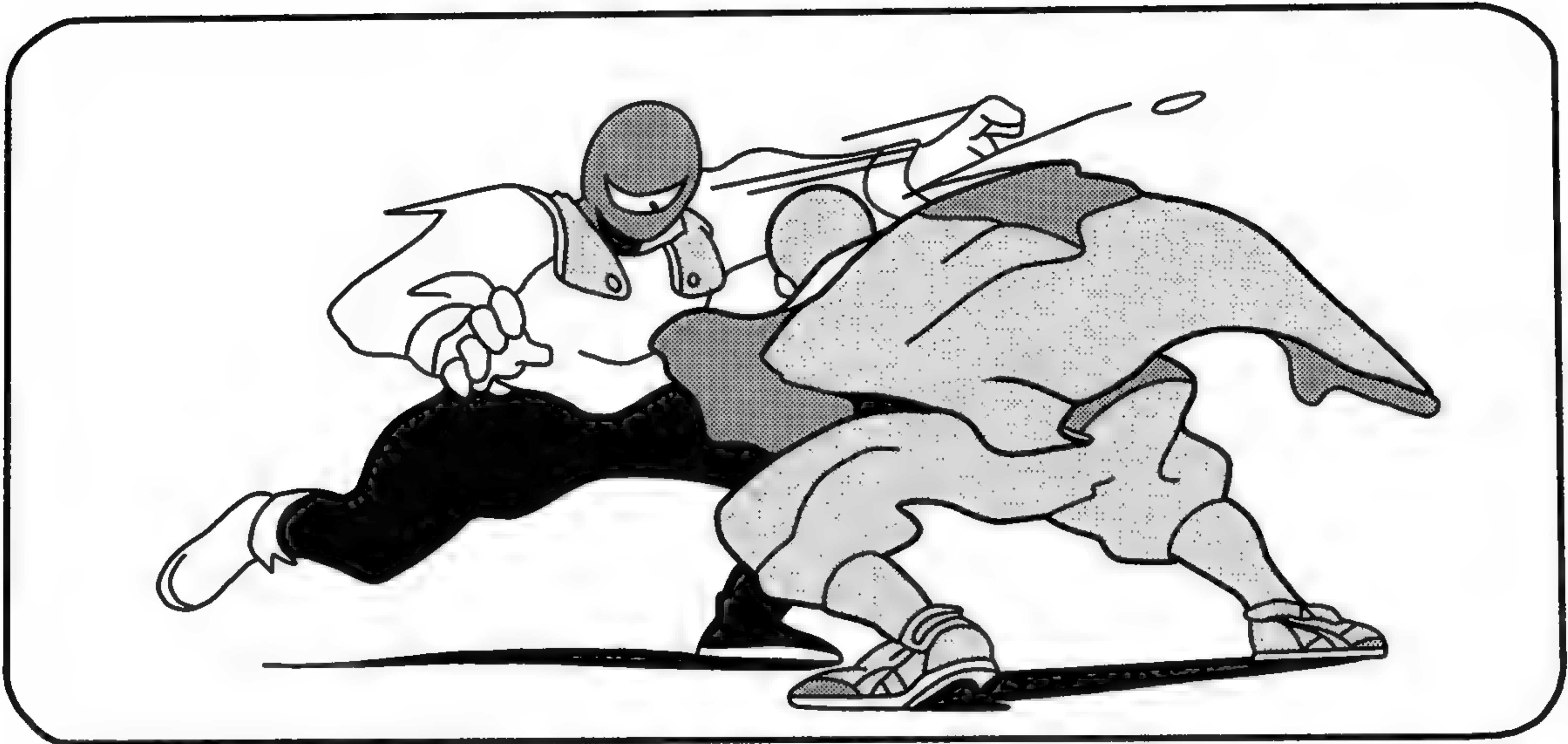


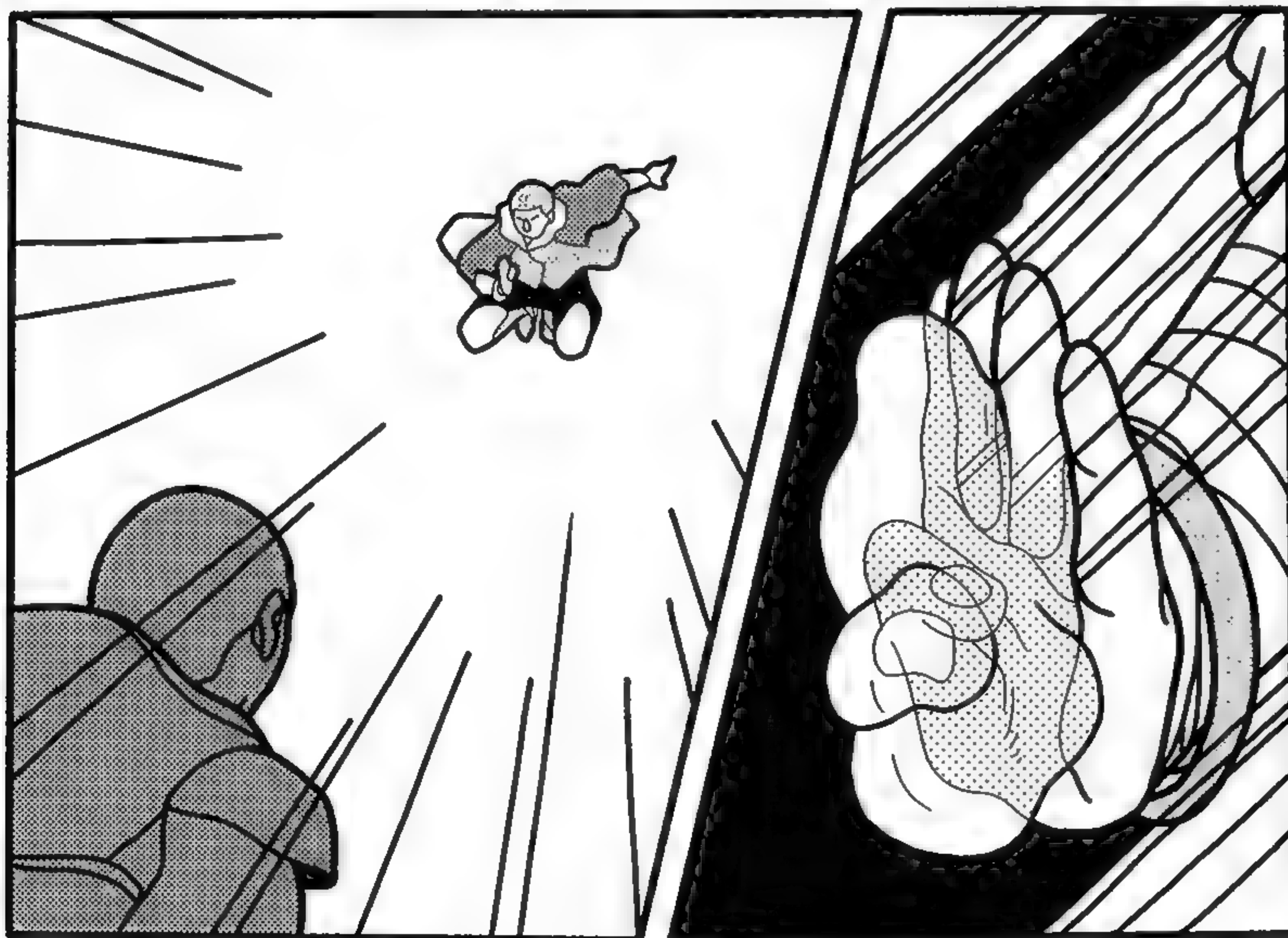
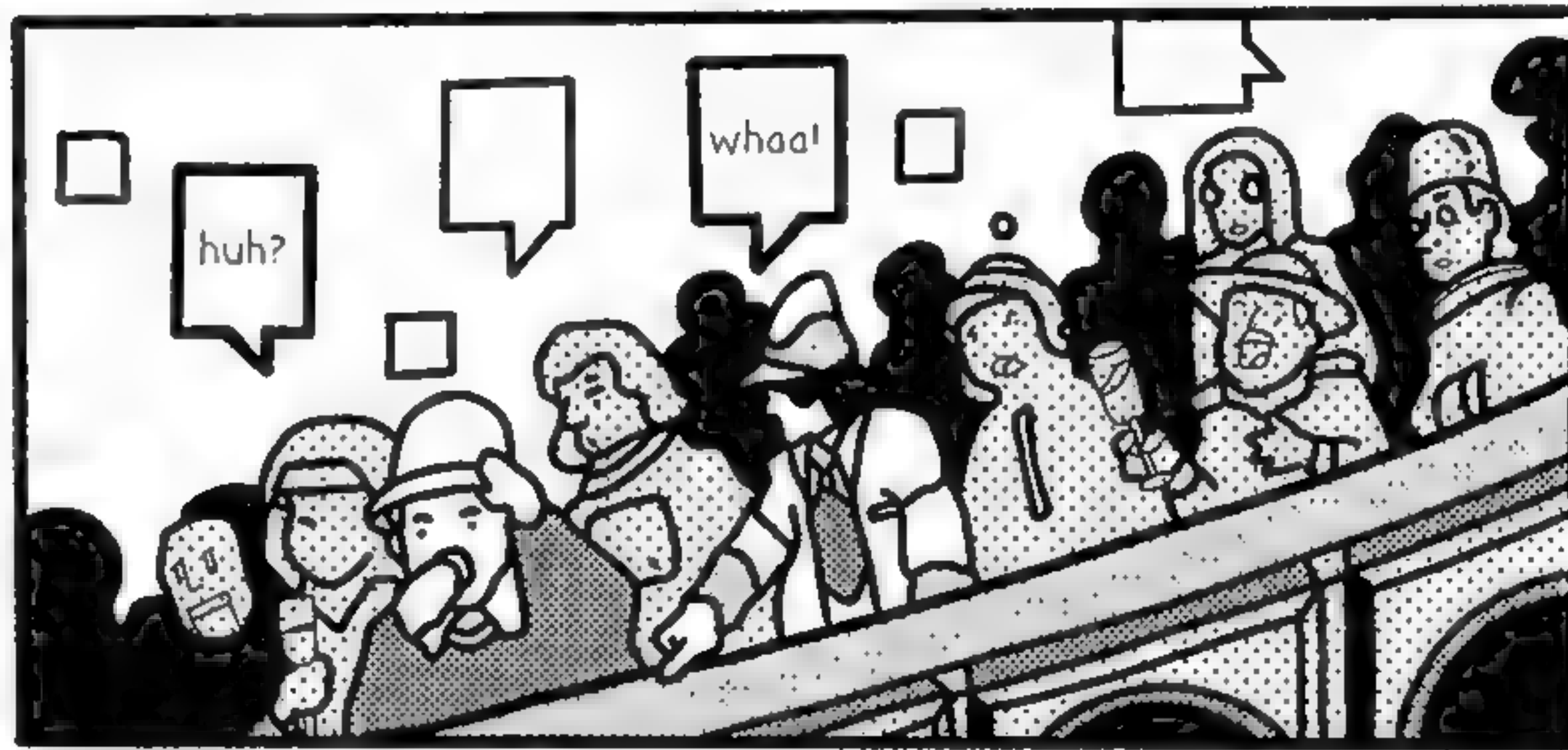
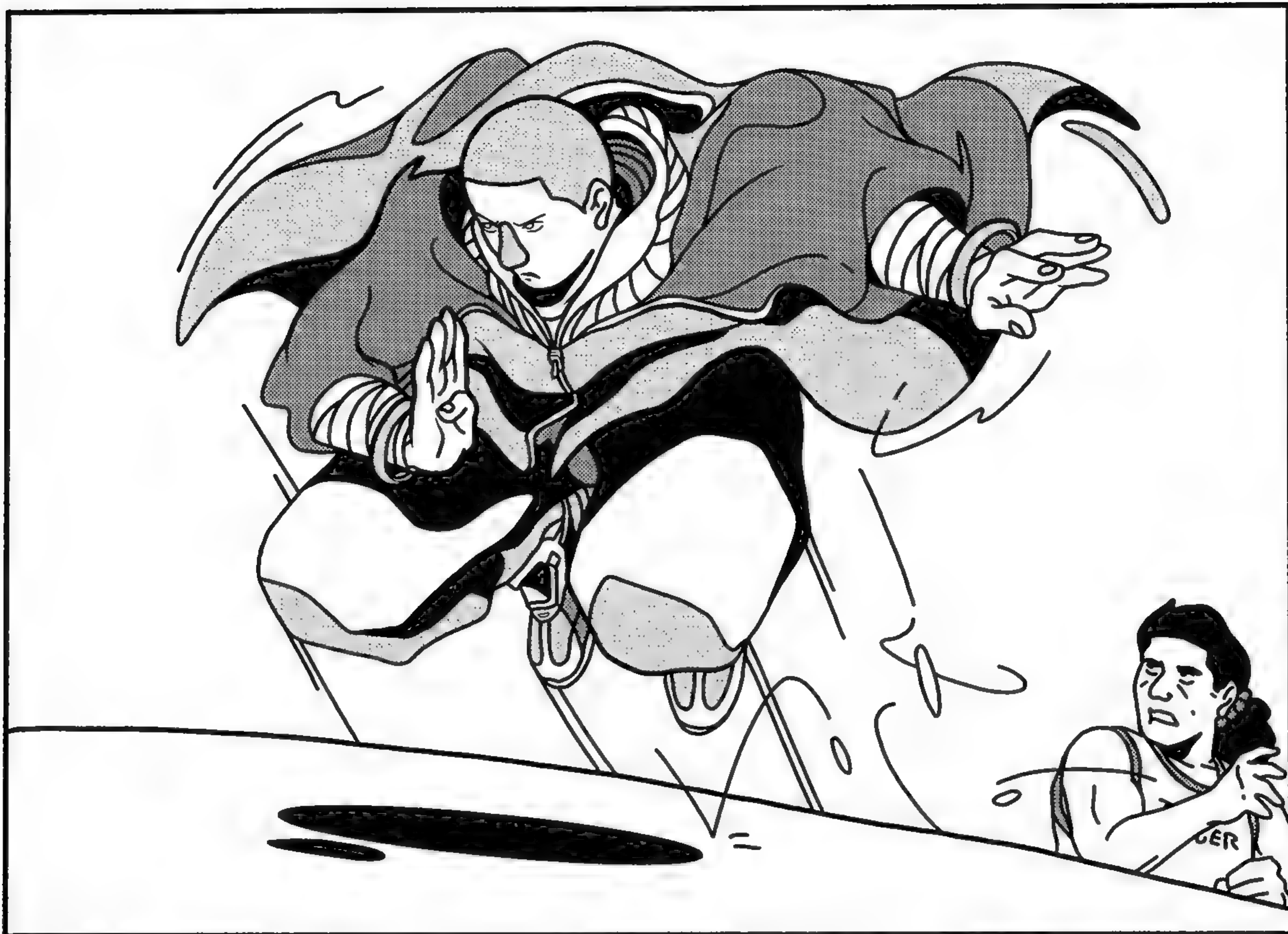




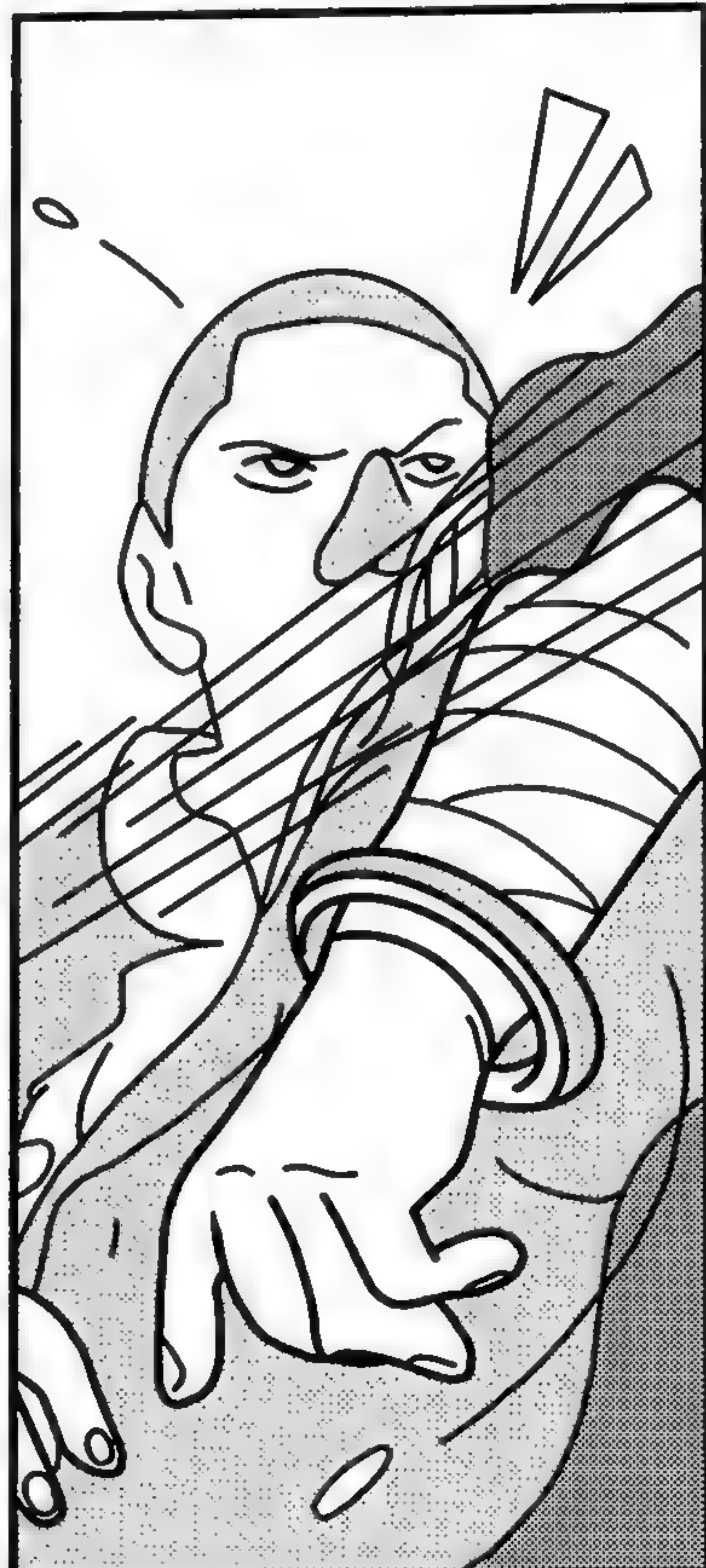


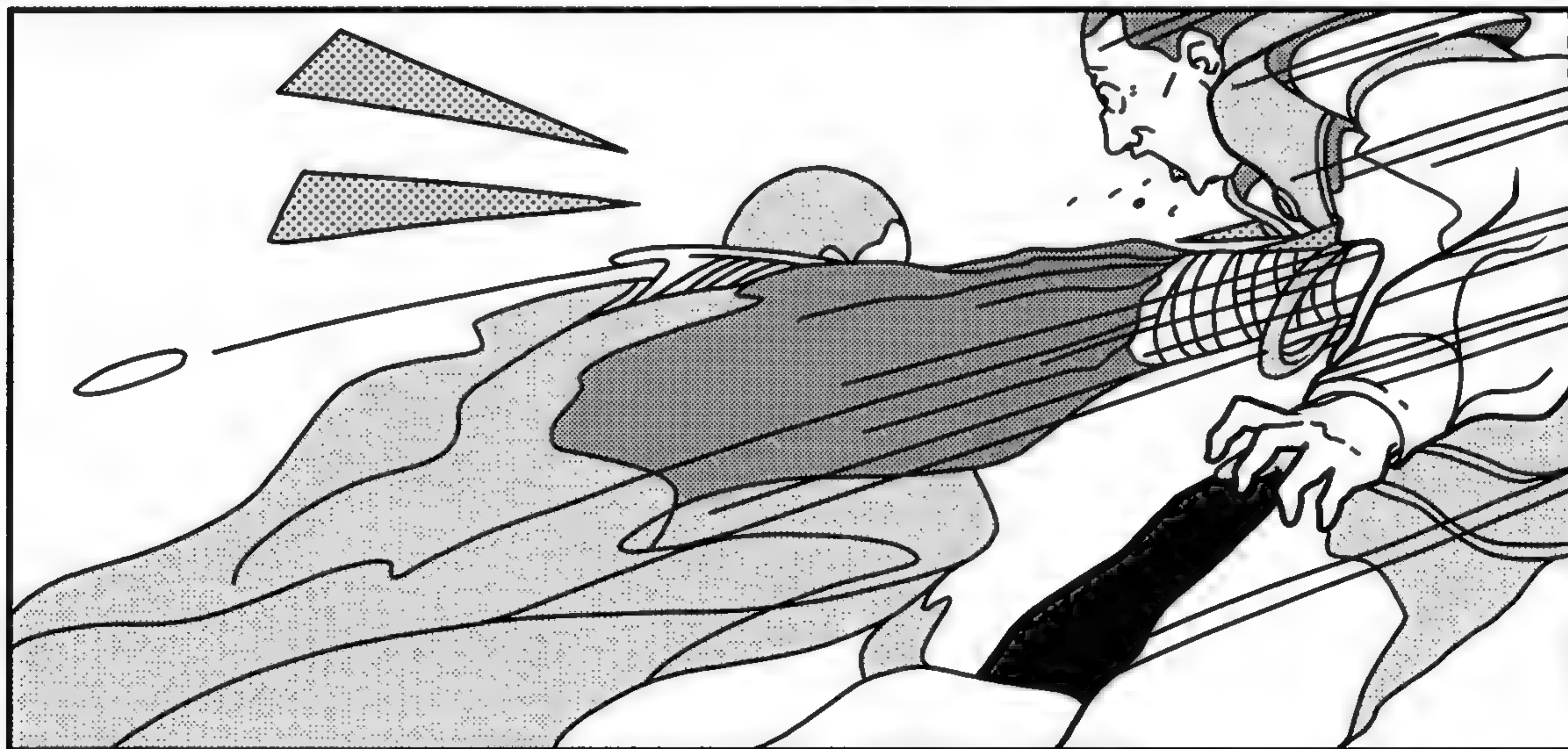
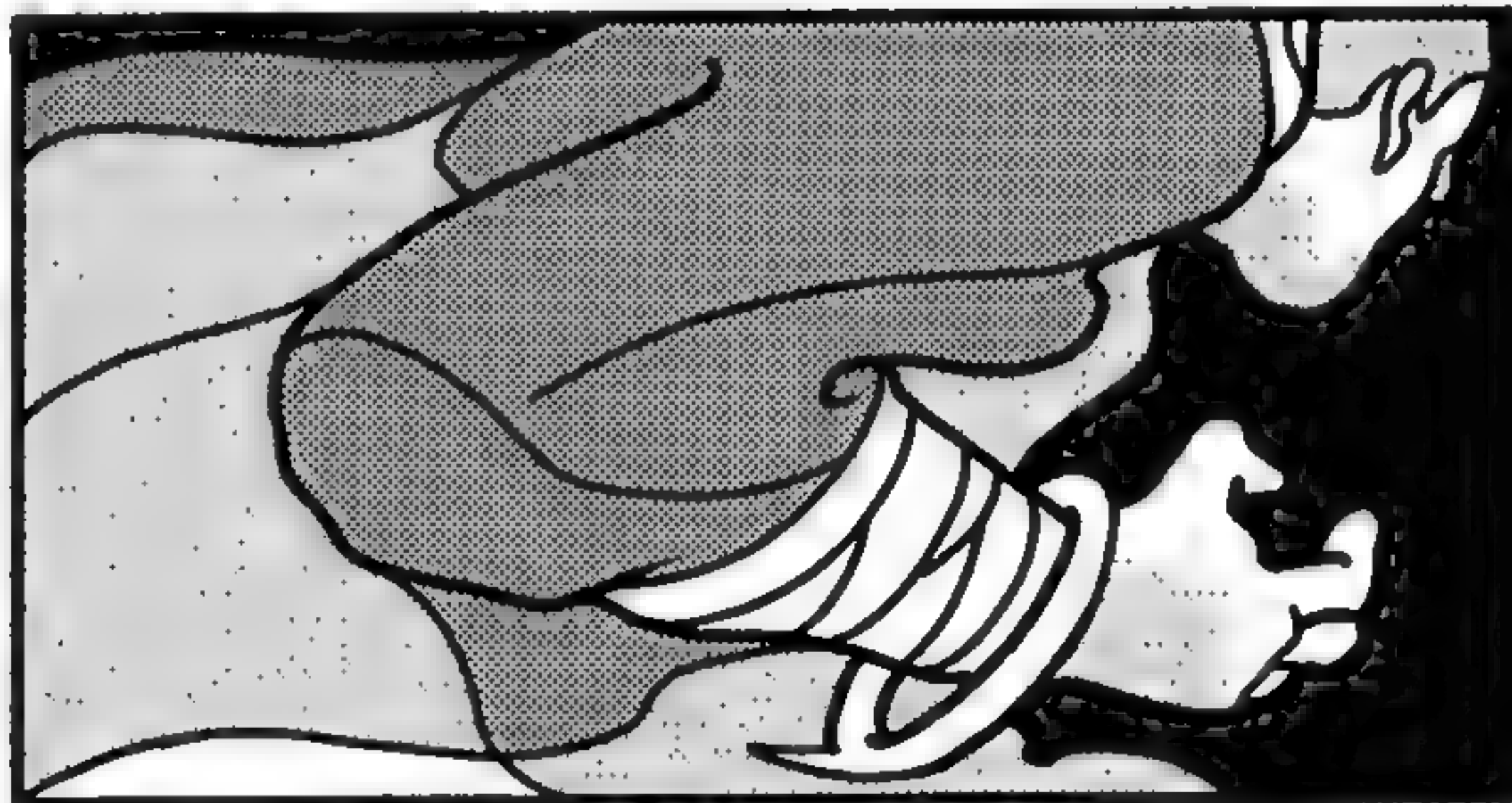


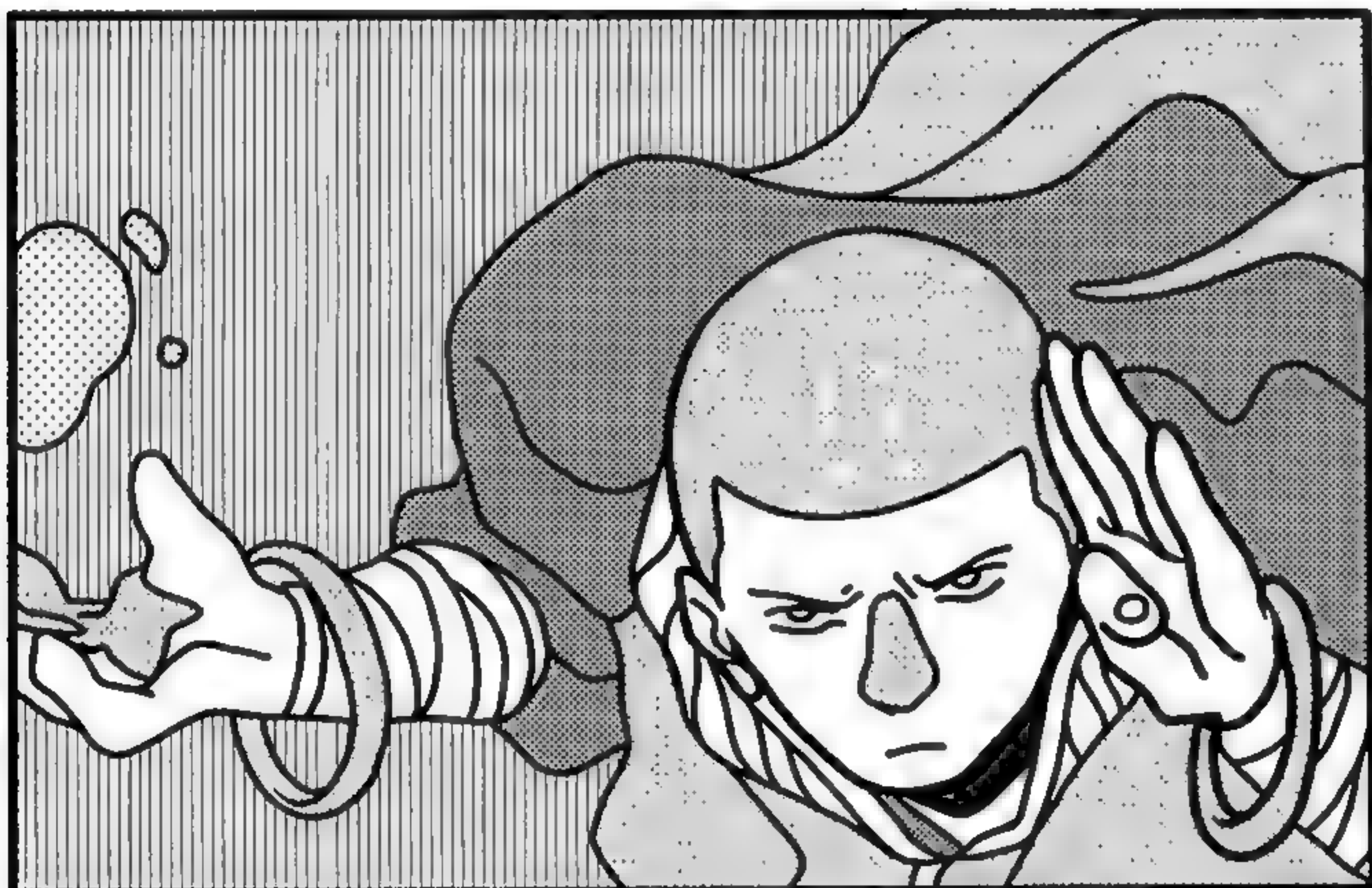












L-LET ME EXPLAIN-- YES,
I BURNED DOWN THE TEMPLE,
B-BUT IT'S BIGGER THAN ME,
I WAS FORCED TO DO IT--
THEY HAD MY FAMILY. THEY
SAID I MUST MAKE IT LOOK
AS THOUGH IT WAS DONE
BY THE VIPERS--



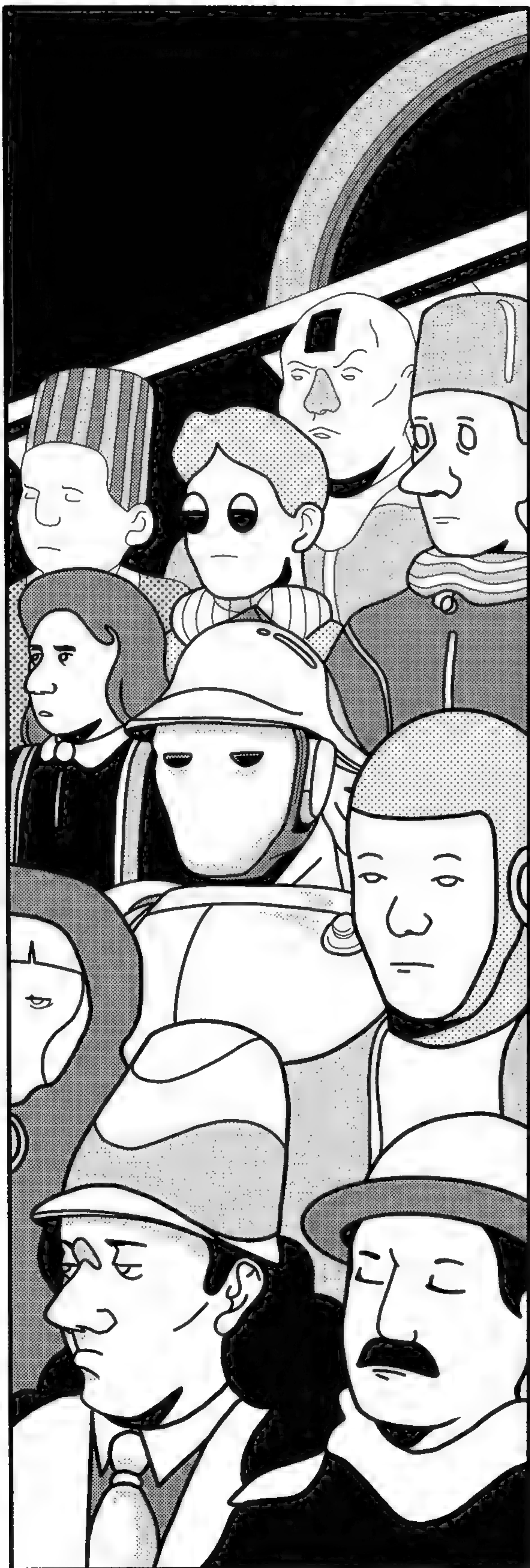
WHO EXACTLY
ARE "THEY"?

TALK!

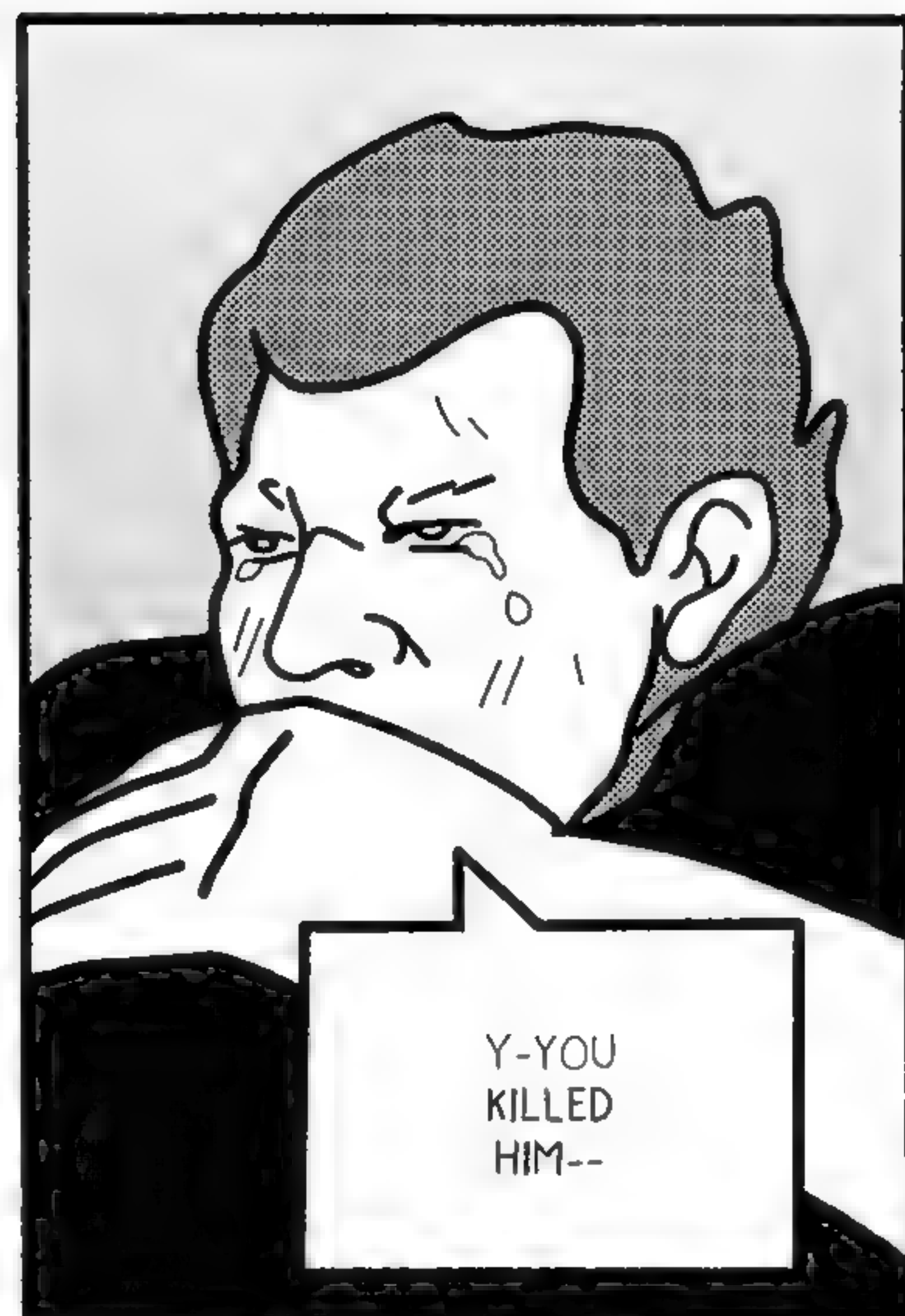
THE RO--
GA--



URK!



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Y-YOU
KILLED
HIM--

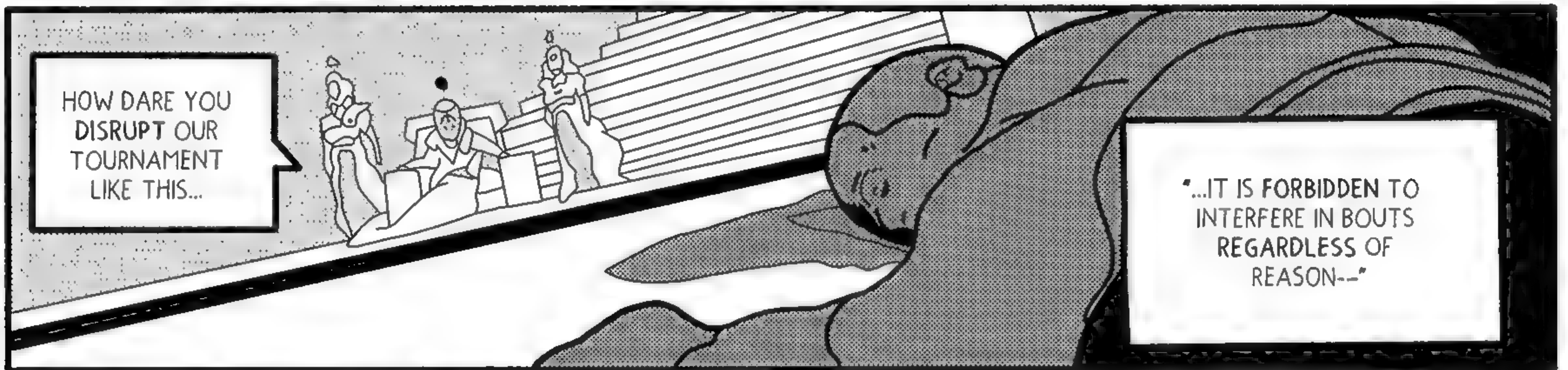


COMPOSE
YOURSELF!





I'M SO SORRY,
BUT I DIDN'T
TAKE THIS
MAN'S LIFE.



HOW DARE YOU
DISRUPT OUR
TOURNAMENT
LIKE THIS...

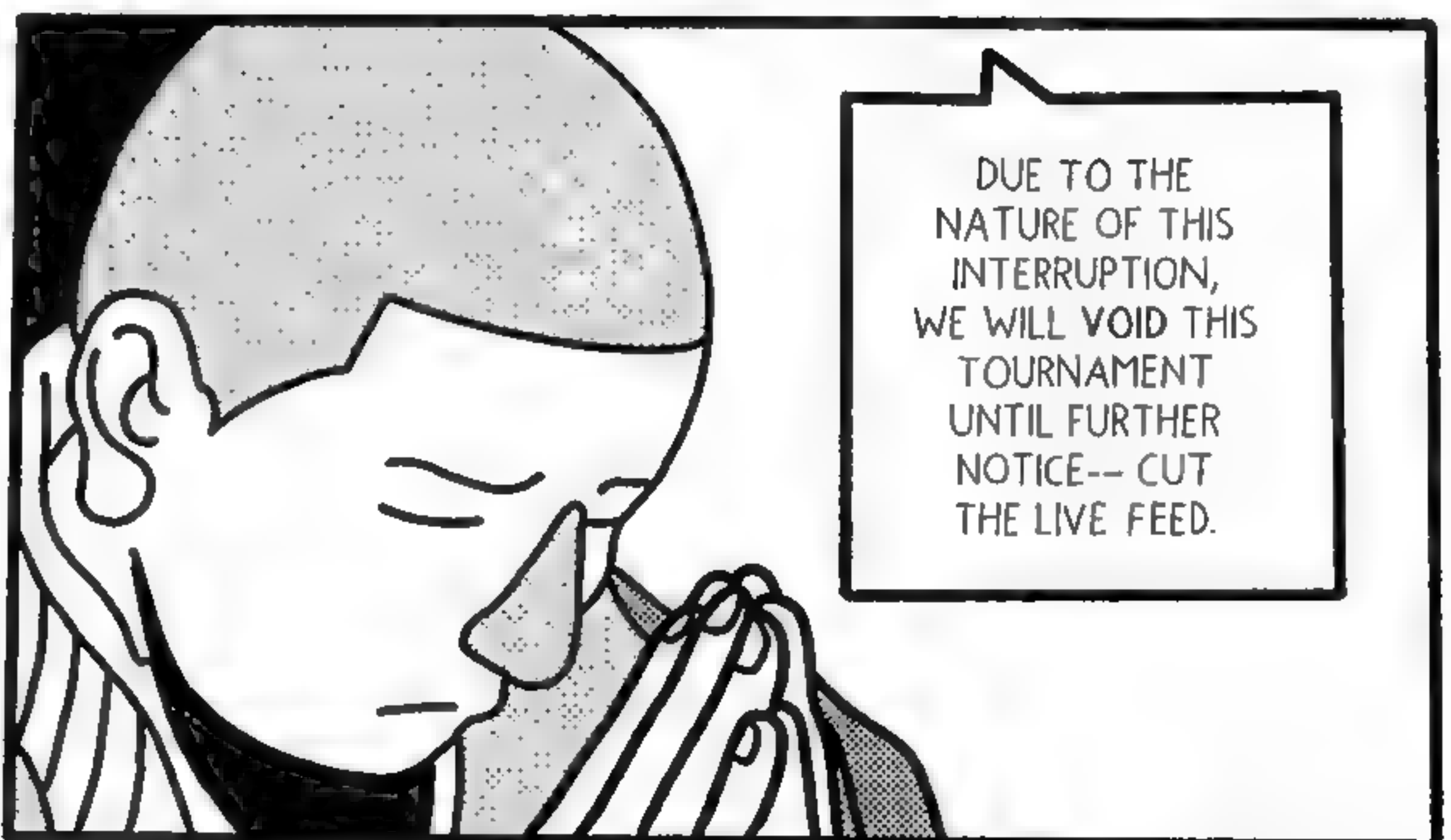
"...IT IS FORBIDDEN TO
INTERFERE IN BOUTS
REGARDLESS OF
REASON--"



MONK CHOU, YOU'RE
DISQUALIFIED FOR
YOUR ACTIONS AND
BANISHED FROM THE
SANCTUARY!

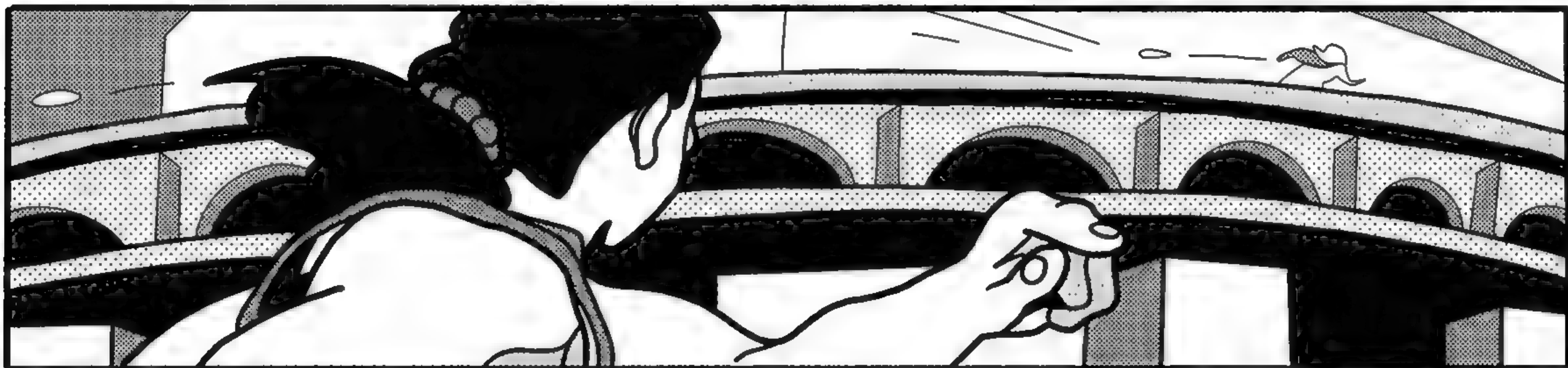


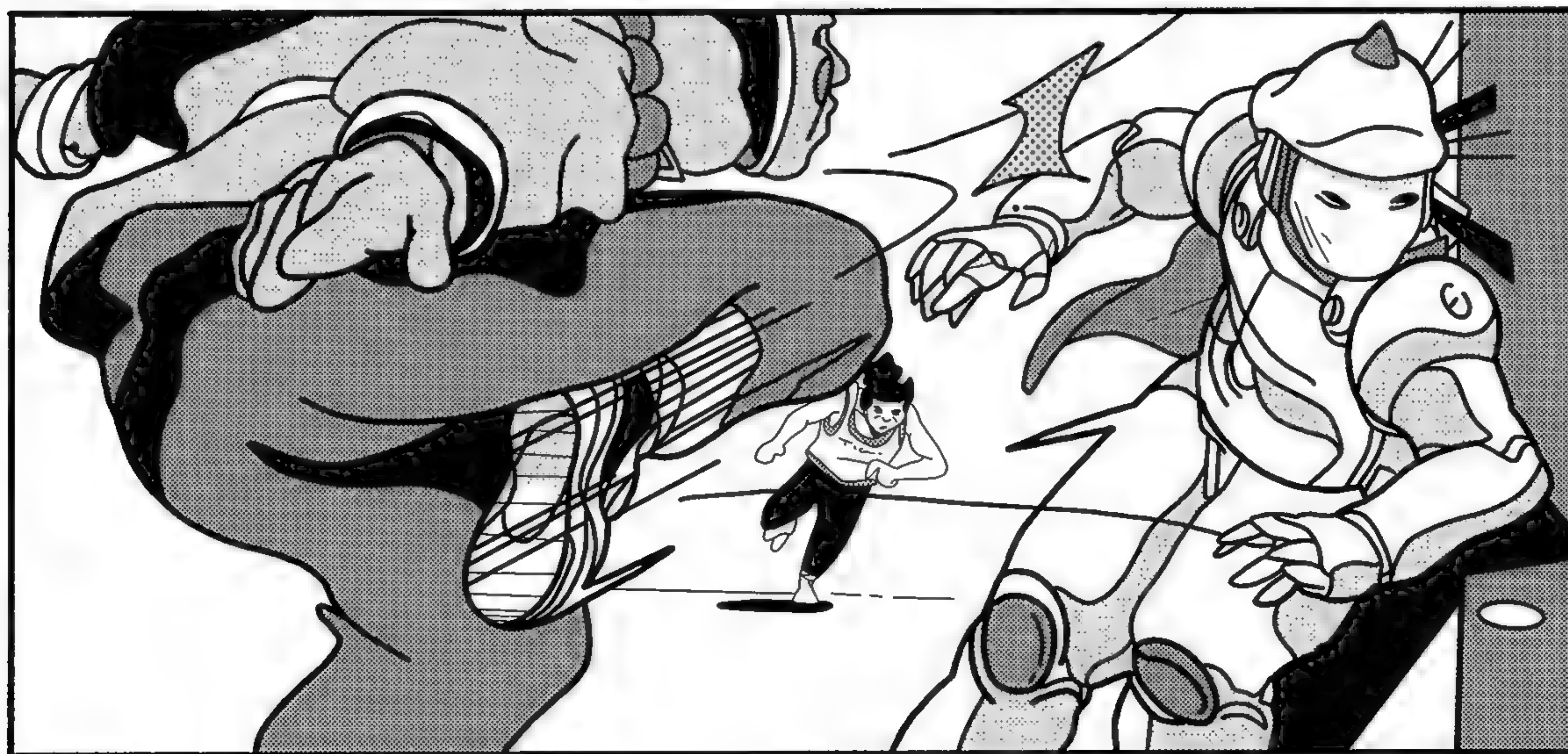
I WILL HAVE WORDS
WITH YOUR ABBOT
ABOUT YOUR LOSS
OF CONTROL-- NOW
LEAVE AND NEVER
SET FOOT HERE
AGAIN.



DUE TO THE
NATURE OF THIS
INTERRUPTION,
WE WILL VOID THIS
TOURNAMENT
UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE-- CUT
THE LIVE FEED.











DUMB FOOL, HELL--
YOU SHOULDN'T
EVEN BE HERE...

...YOU STILL
HAVE NO IDEA,
DO YOU?



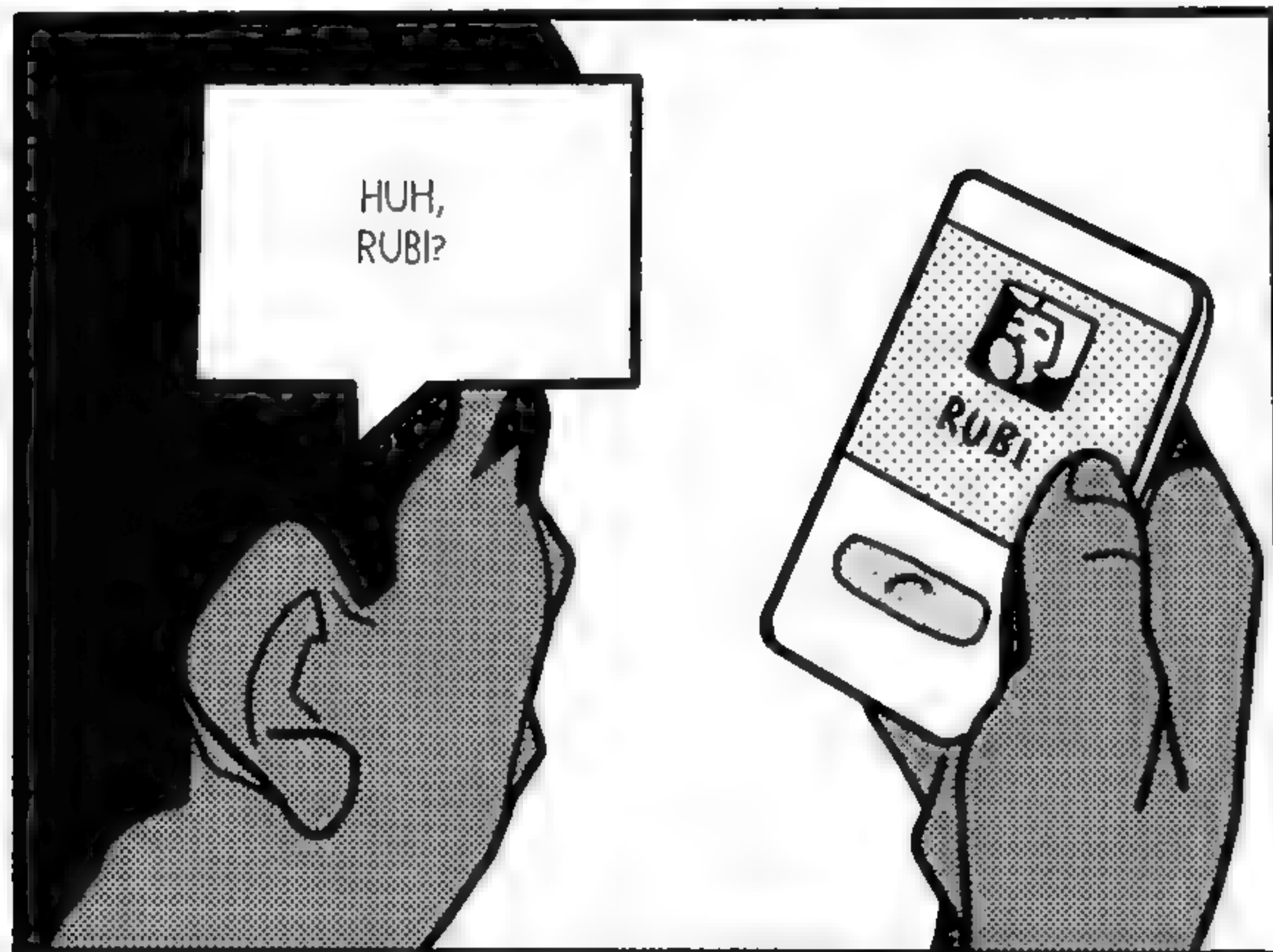
WHAT I KNOW IS
YOU'VE COMMITTED
MURDER IN THIS SACRED
PLACE-- YOU'RE
FINISHED.

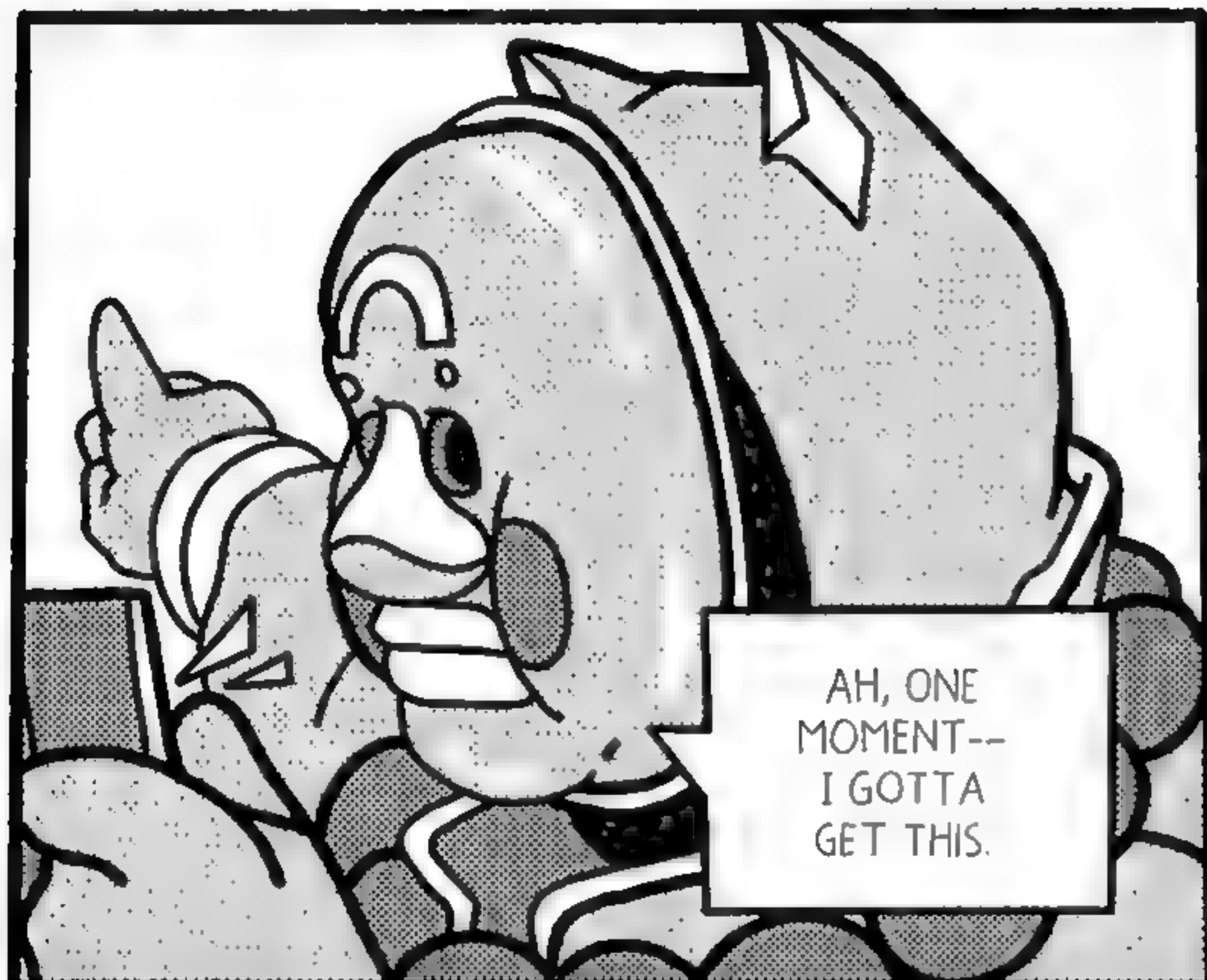


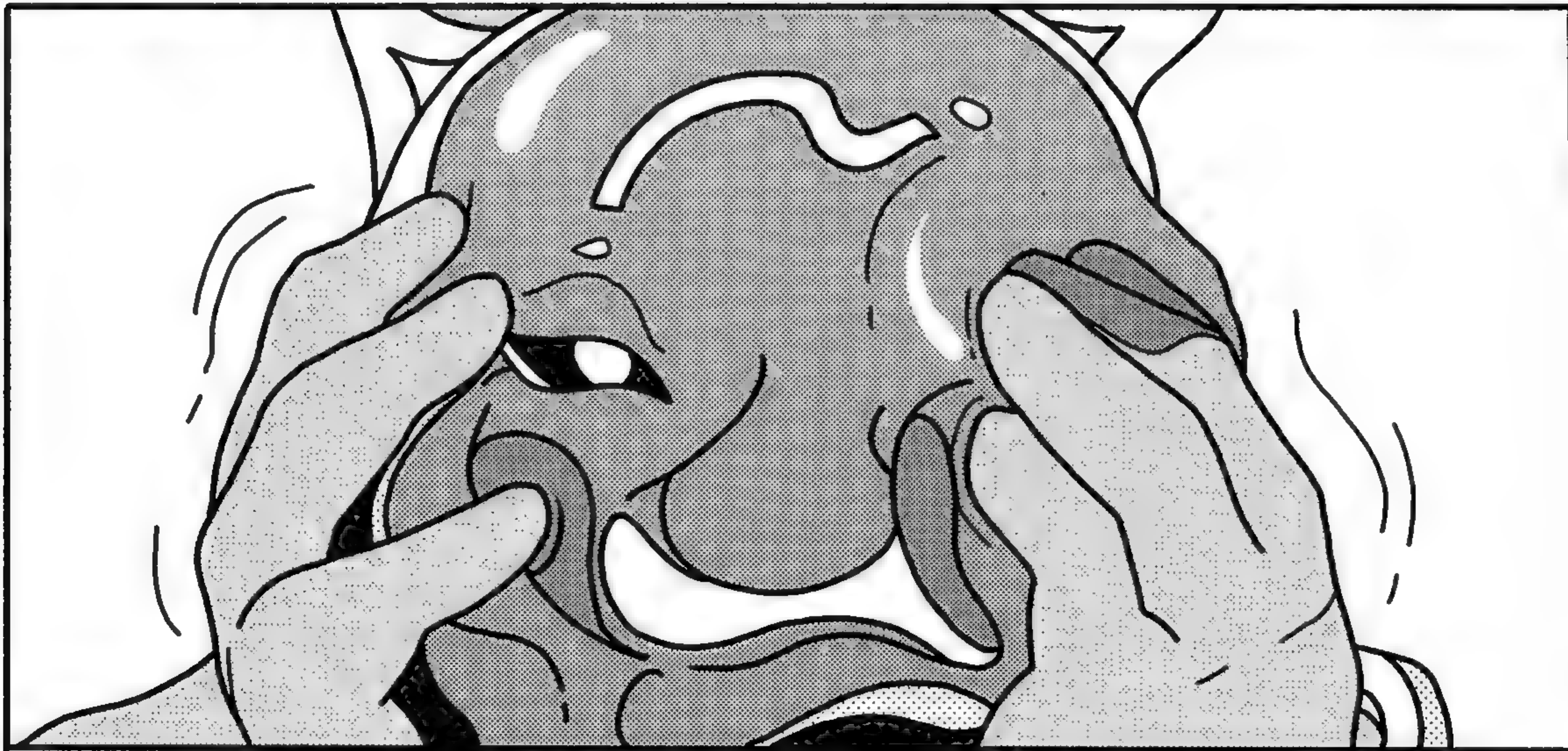
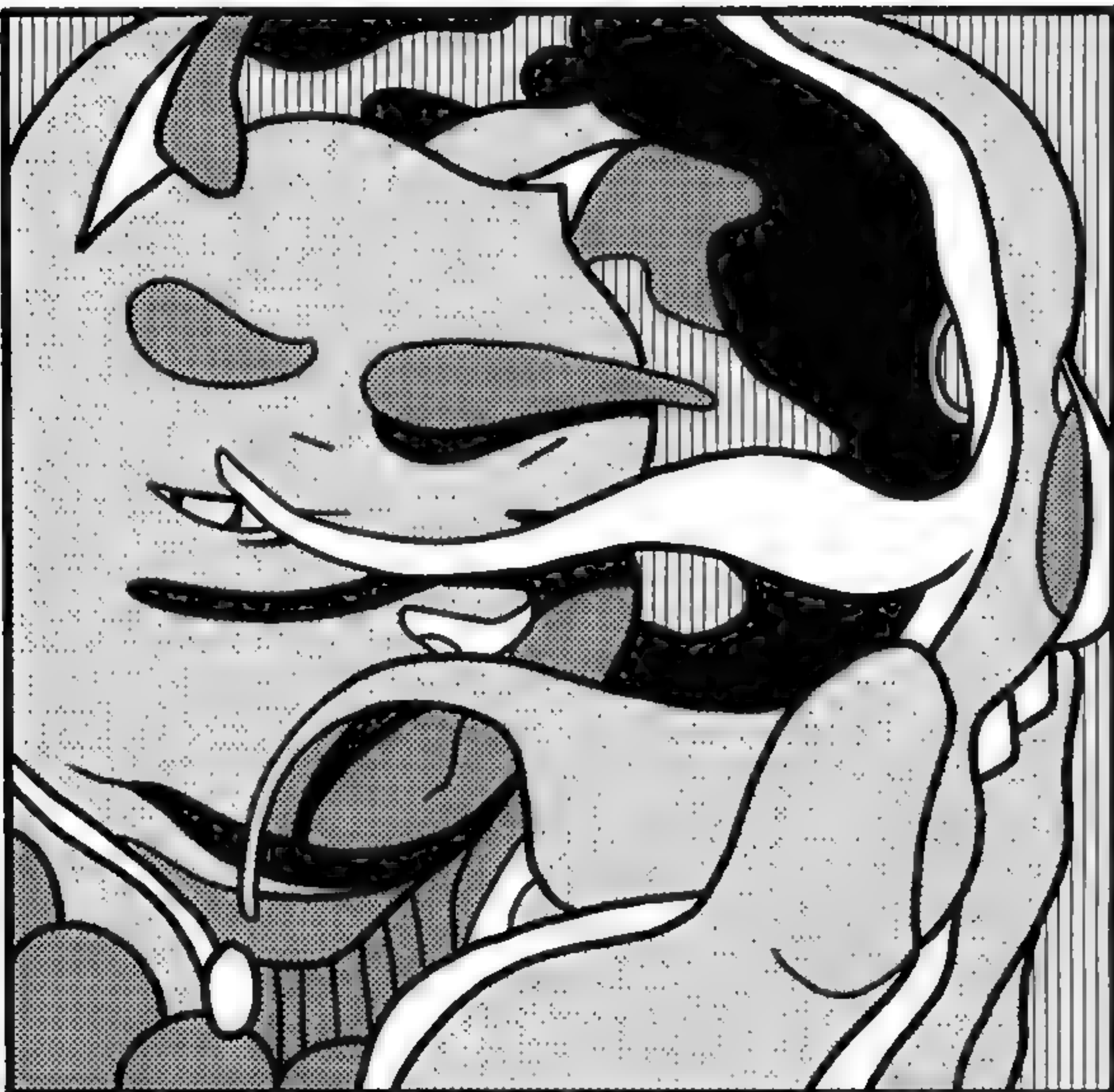
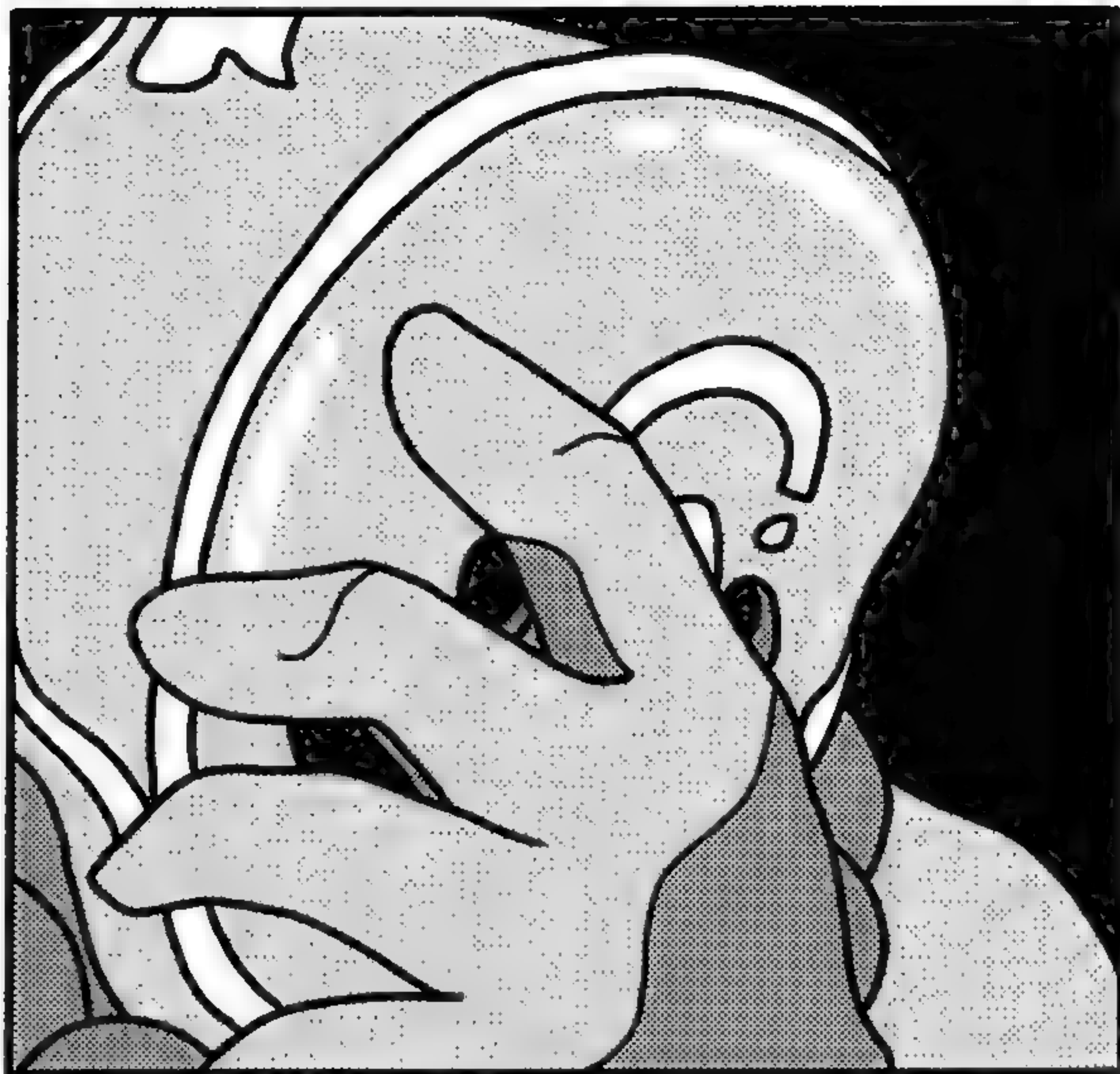
I KNOW OF
YOU, OUTRIDER
RINGO...

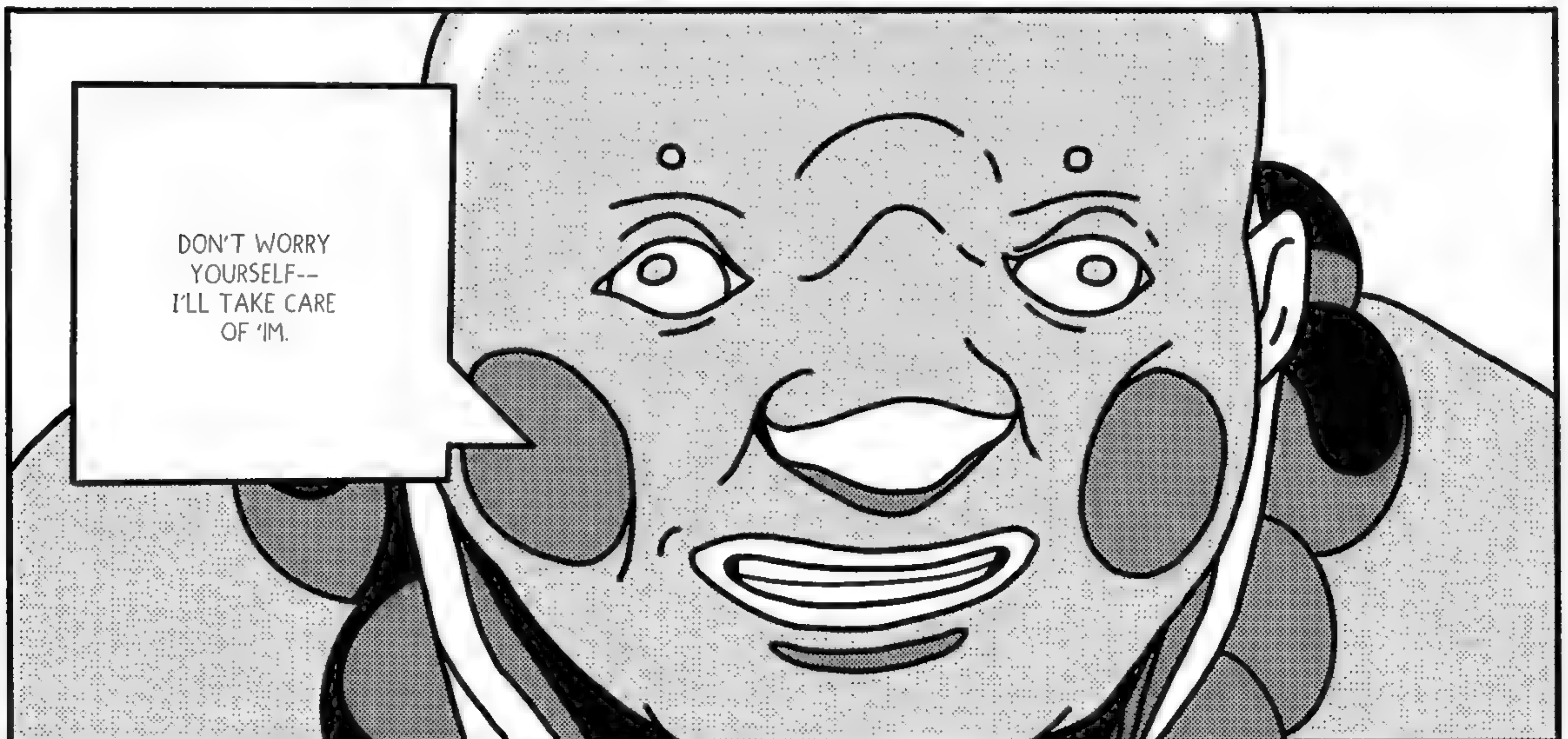
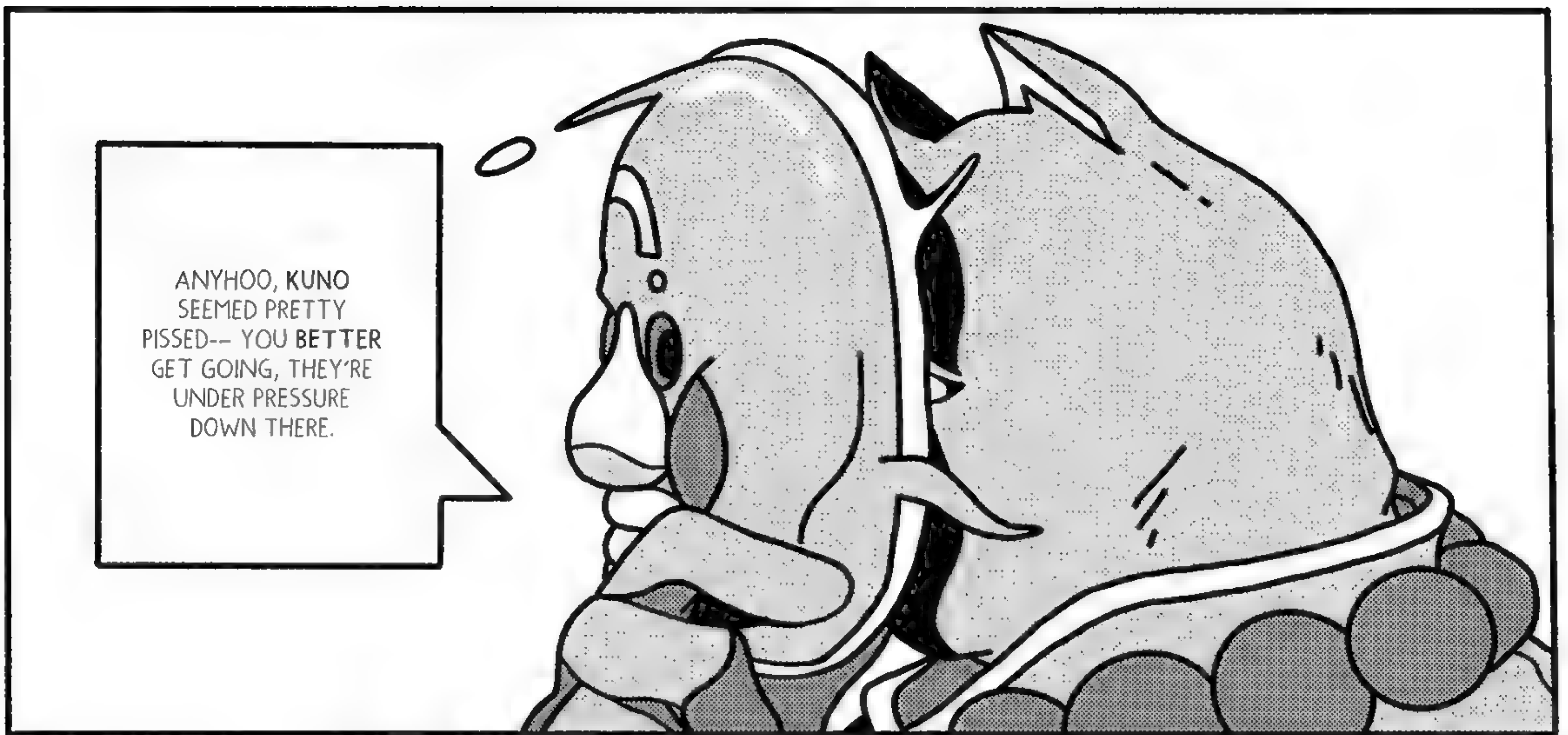
WE'VE BEEN
PLAYIN' YOUR
SILLY ORGANIZATION
FOR YEARS--

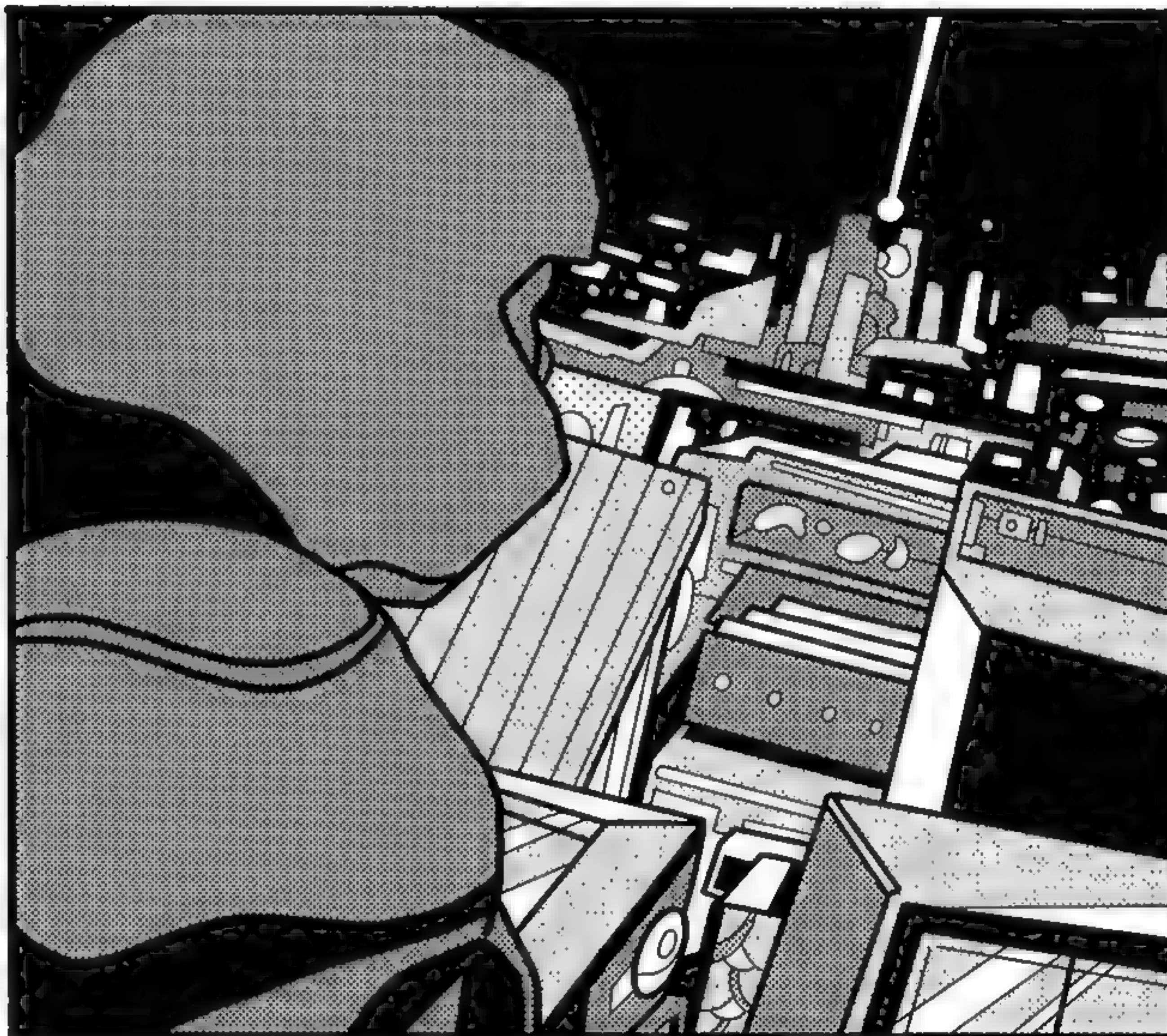
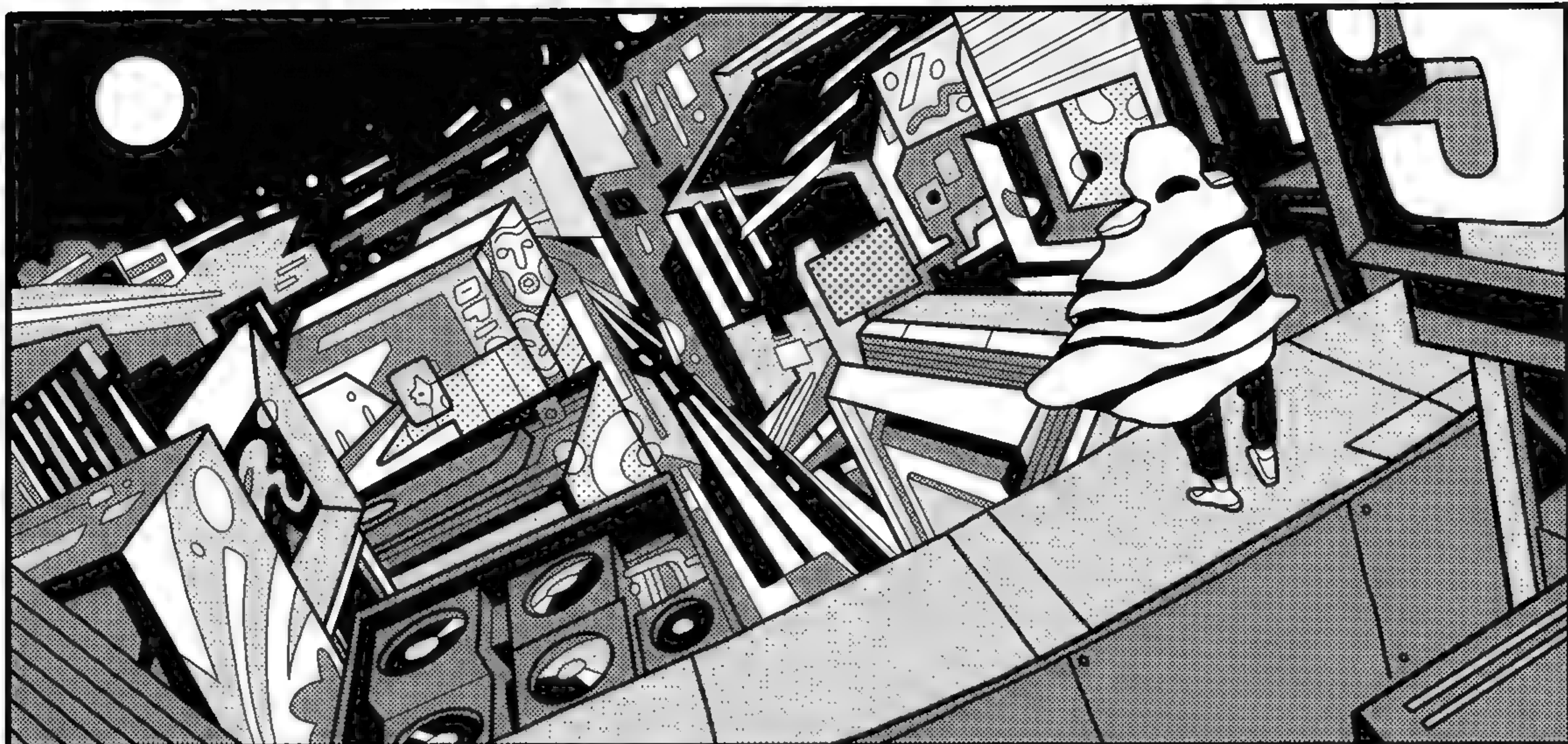












NOW MY TASK
IS COMPLETE,
I CAN AVENGE YOU,
MASTER RANDALL...

...I HAVE THE
BLUE FILM, BUT
THE KING STILL
WALKS-- DO I
DELIVER TO MOTHER
OR PUT AN END TO
ARWEN AND SUFFER
THE SAME FATE?



KNOWING WHAT
I KNOW NOW, WHAT
IS THE POINT TO
THIS LIFE?



I HAVE ABSOLUTELY
NO INTEREST IN THE
POLITICS AND POWER
STRUGGLE BETWEEN
THE HOUSES TO RULE
JOYAMA.



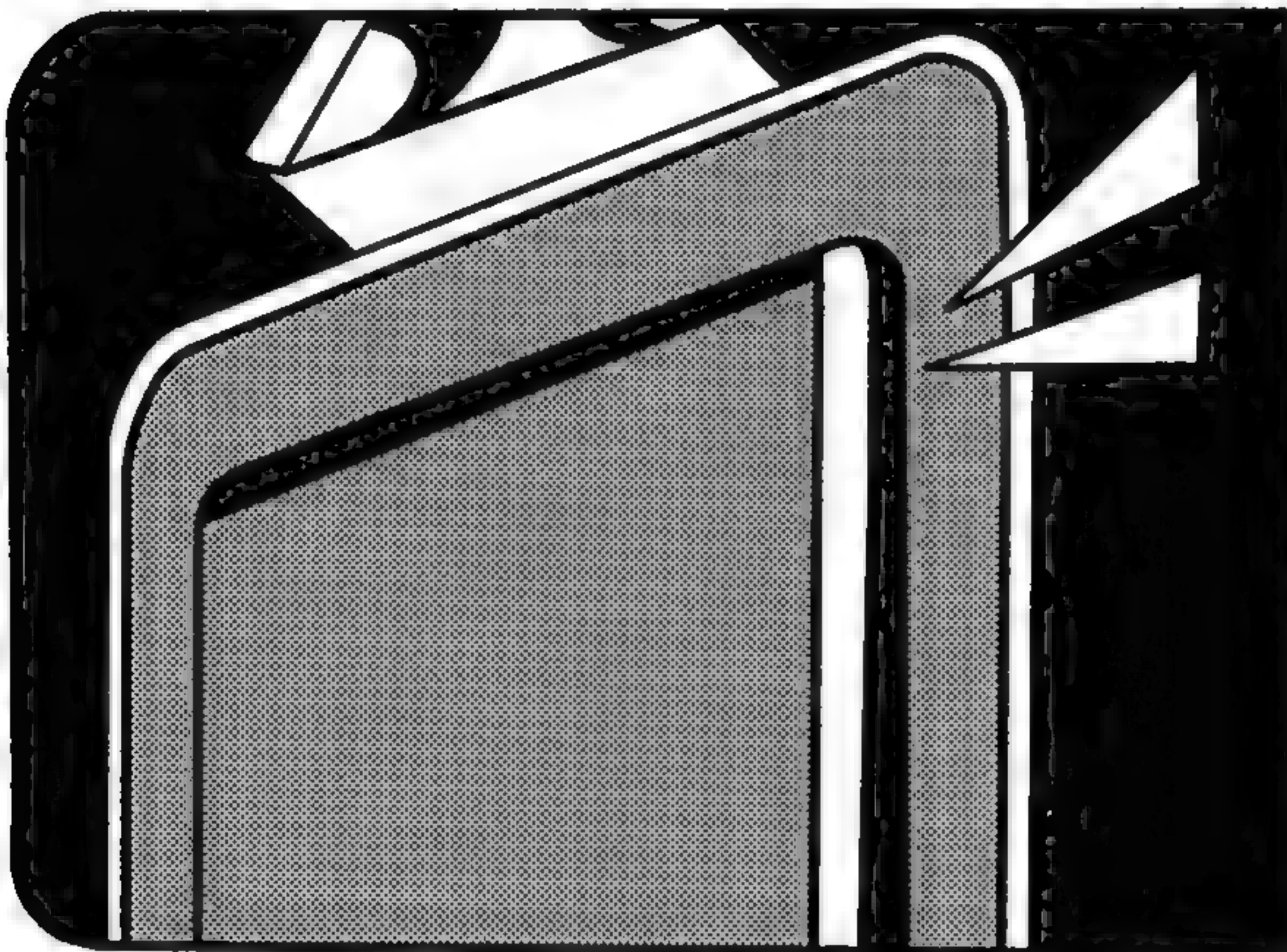
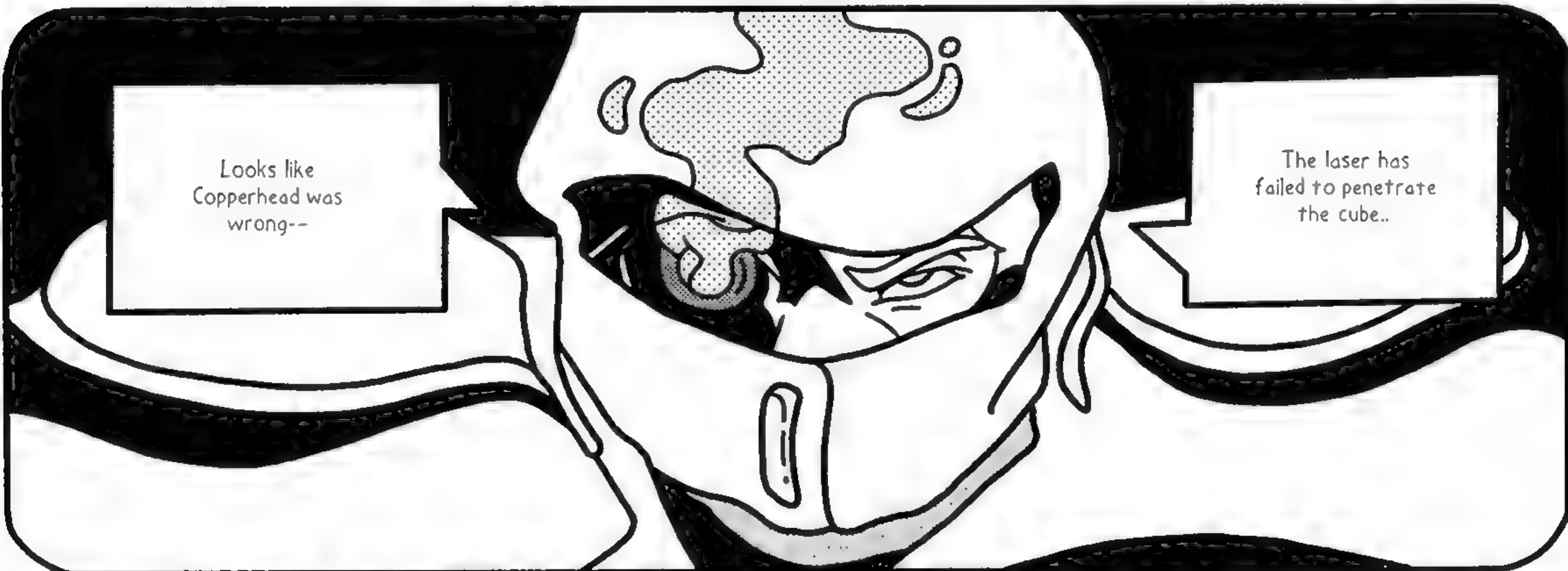
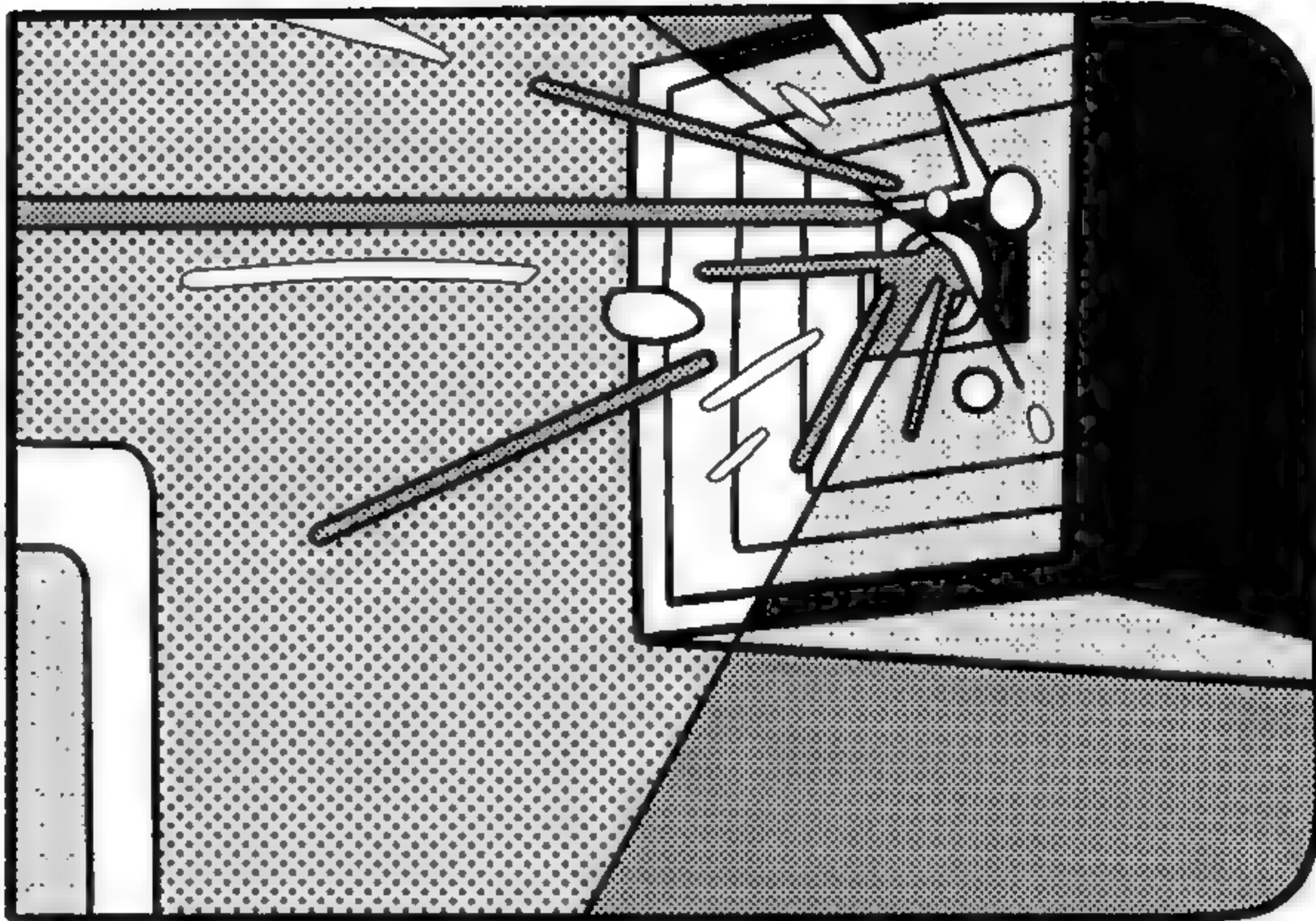
"MY LOYALTY IS
TO MASTER RANDALL--
I MUST FULFILL
HIS WISHES."

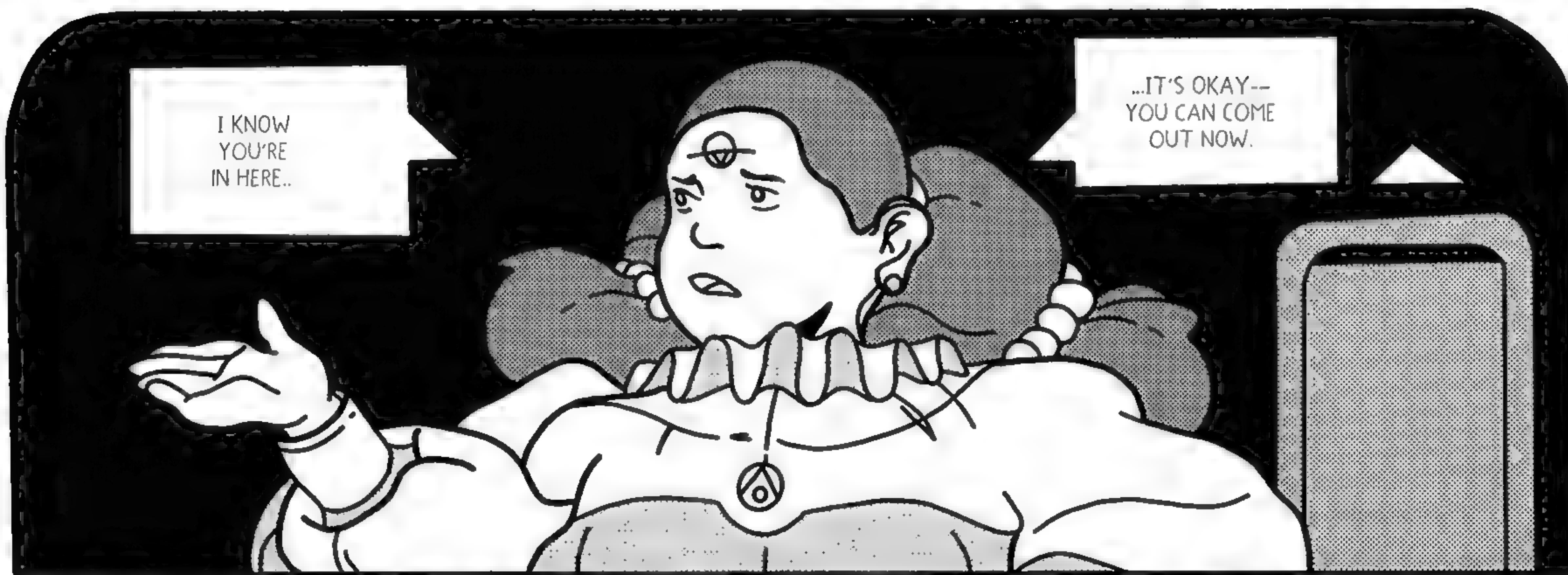
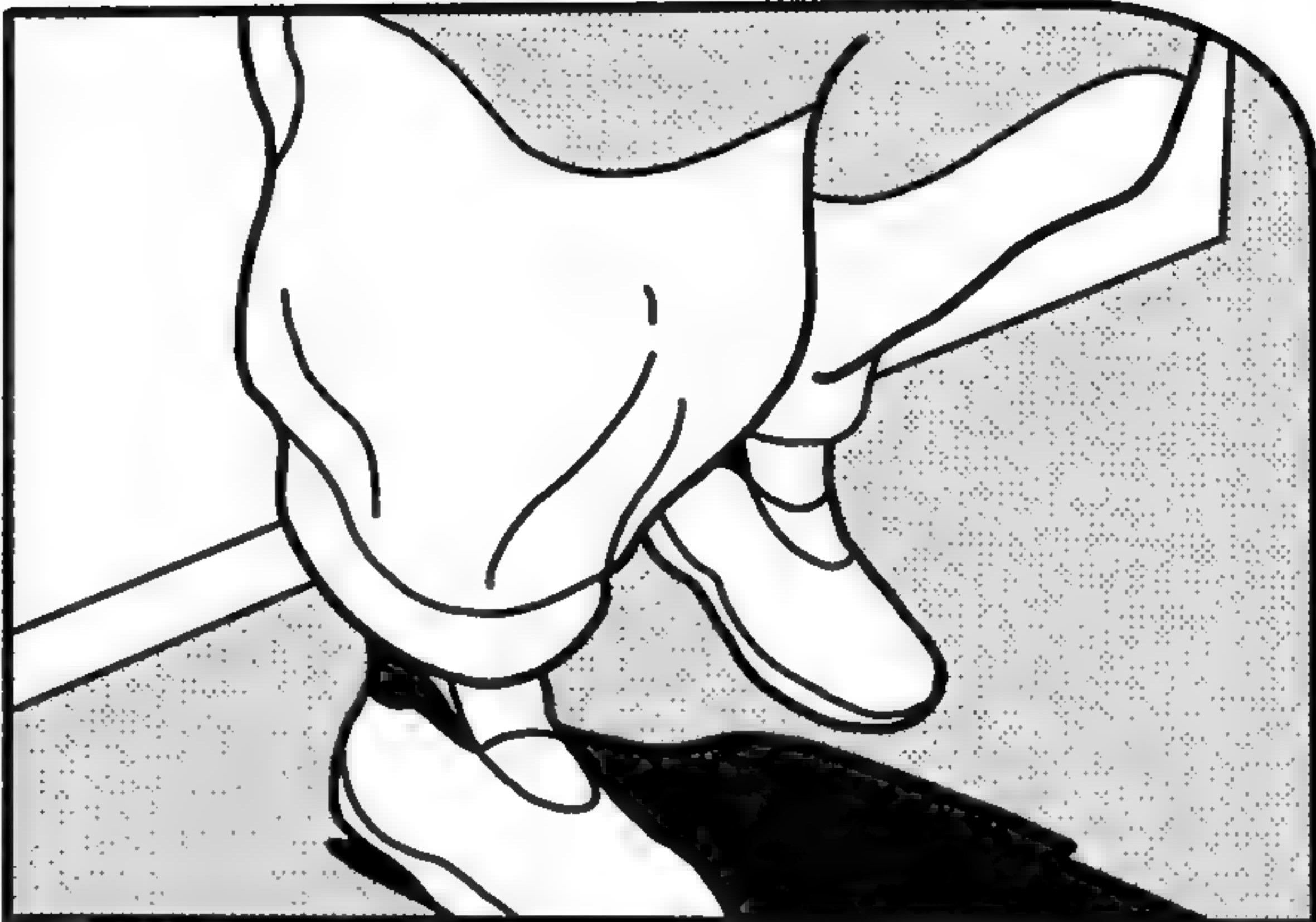


IF WHAT PRINCESS JUNO
SAYS IS TRUE-- MOTHER
WILL HAVE TO WAIT...



UNTIL I WRAP
UP MY PERSONAL
AFFAIRS...





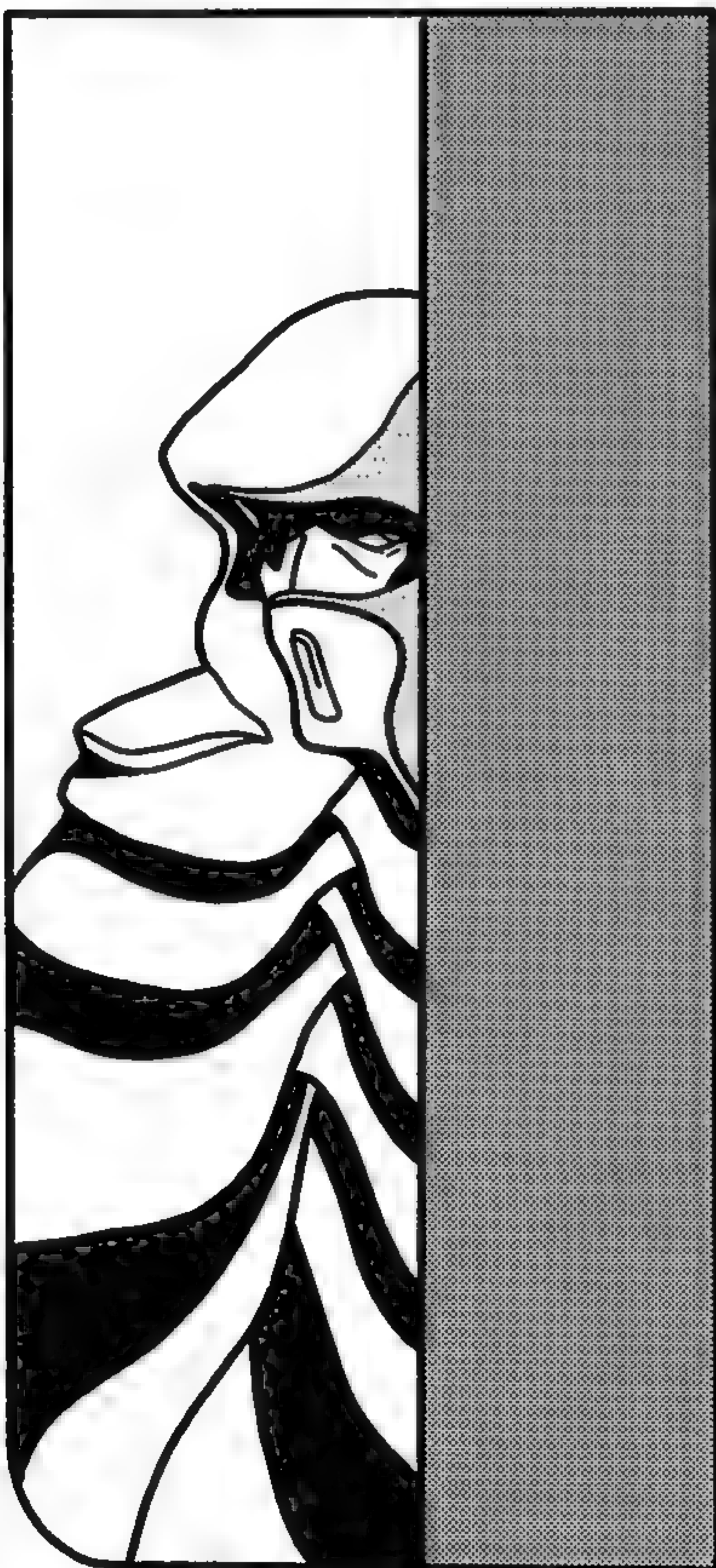
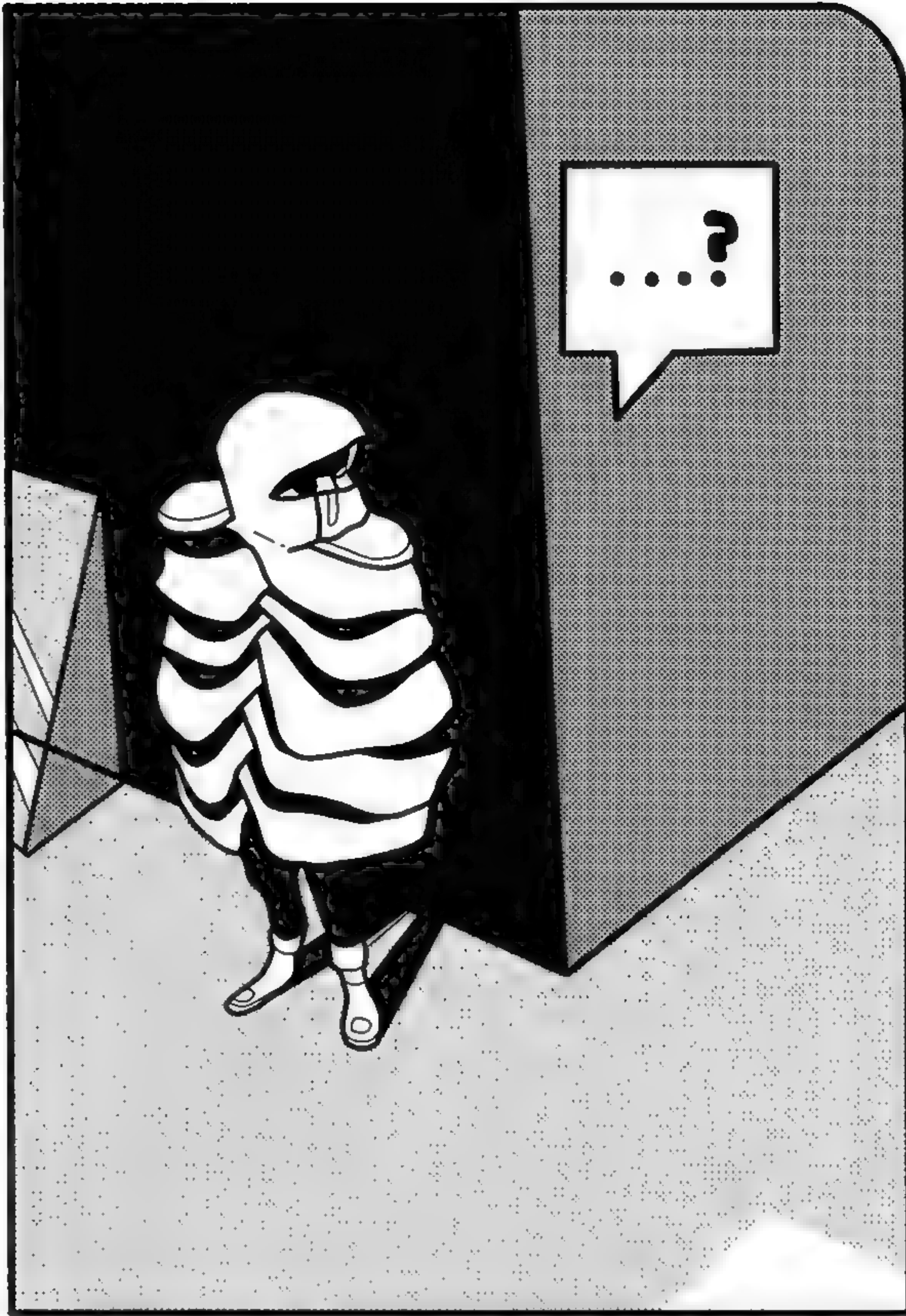
I KNOW
YOU'RE
IN HERE..

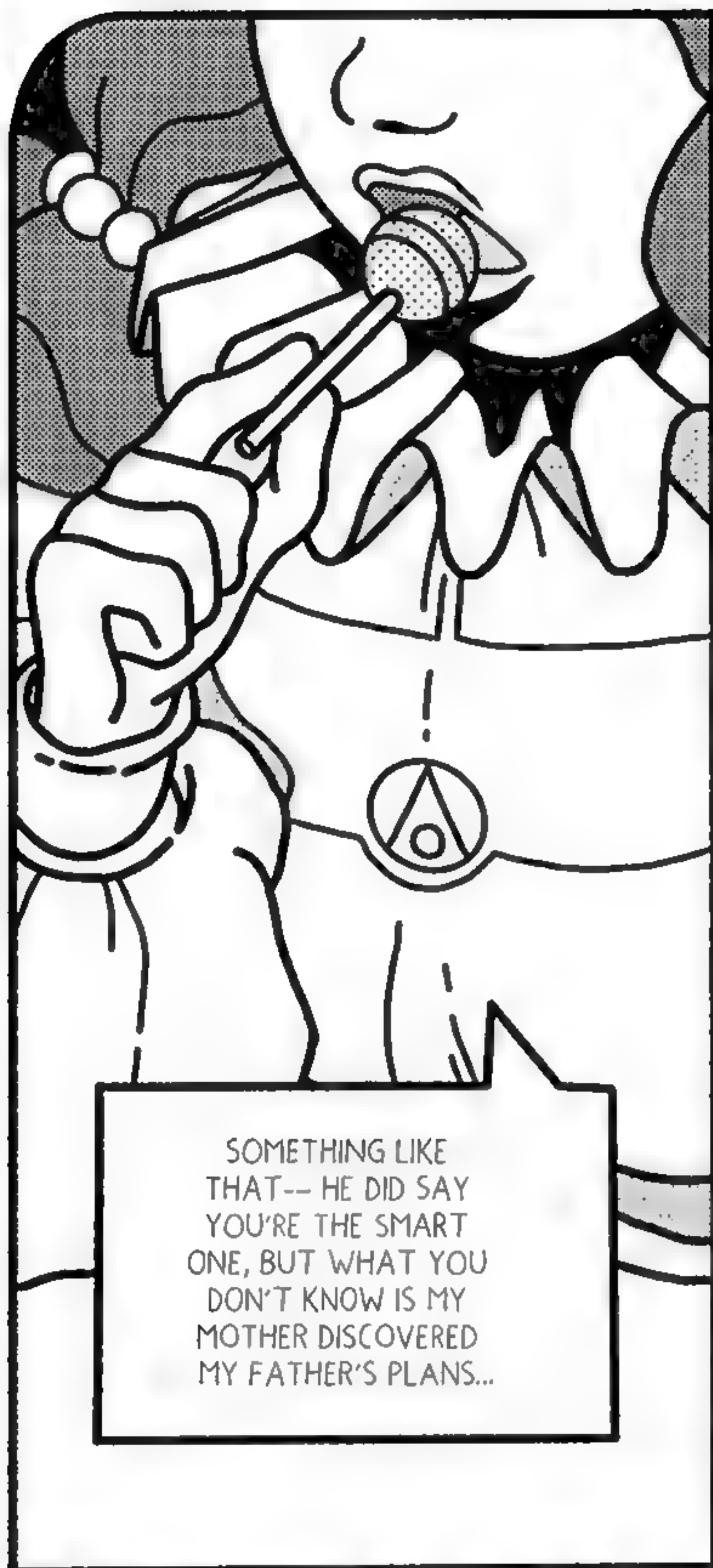
...IT'S OKAY--
YOU CAN COME
OUT NOW.



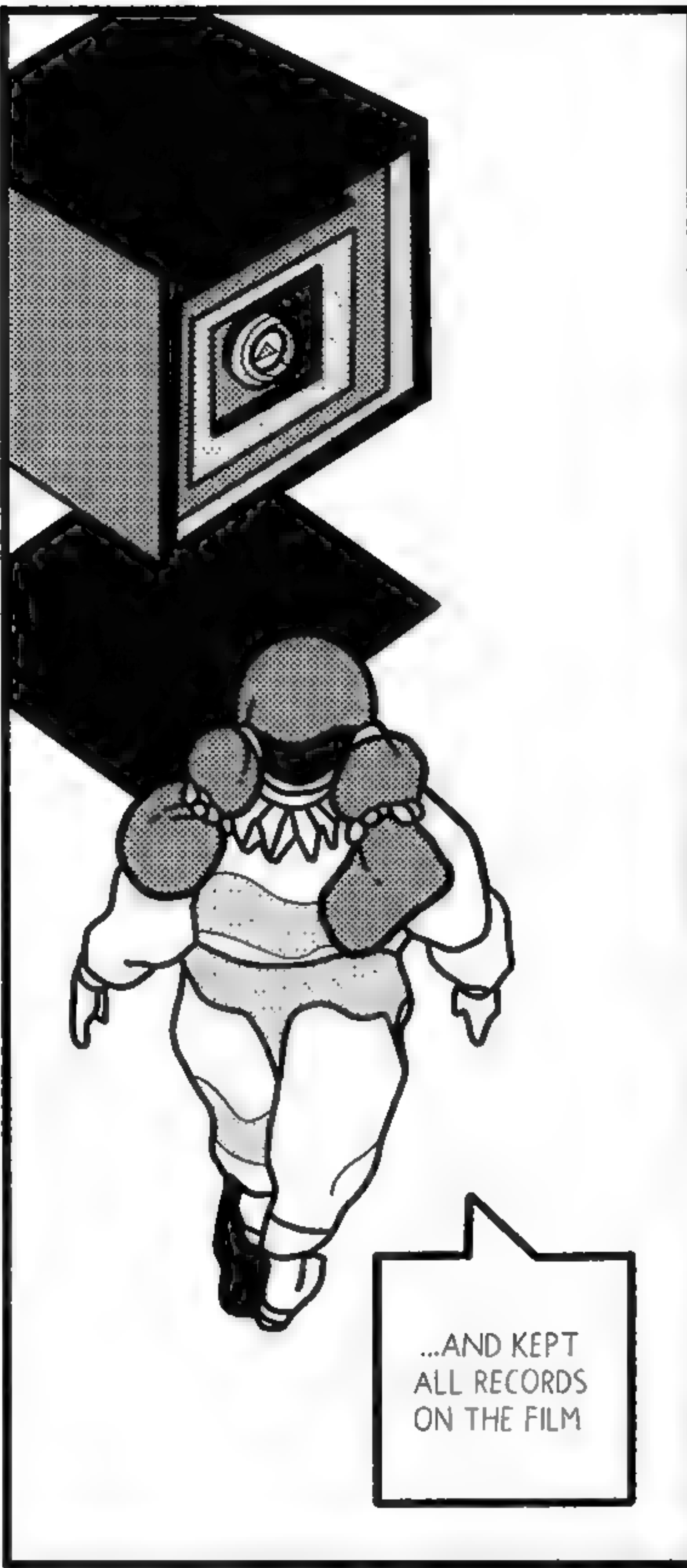
I ALSO KNOW WHY
YOU'RE HERE--
YOU'LL NEVER OPEN
THAT CUBE SAFE...

...NOT WITHOUT
ME, ANYWAY.





SOMETHING LIKE THAT-- HE DID SAY YOU'RE THE SMART ONE, BUT WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW IS MY MOTHER DISCOVERED MY FATHER'S PLANS...



...AND KEPT ALL RECORDS ON THE FILM



WHEN HE FOUND OUT-- HE HAD THE GENERAL ASSASSINATE HER, BUT HE DIDN'T REALIZE THE FILM COULDN'T BE DESTROYED, DUE TO THE INFUSED TECHNIQUES SHE LEARNED DURING HER TIME AT THE SANCTUARY OF SAGES...



THIS IS WHY HE KEPT IT HERE IN THE UNBREAKABLE CUBE SAFE... HOWEVER, I'M THE ANOMOLY THAT HAS THE SOURCE CODE, RENDERING THE SAFE USELESS...

TAKE THIS TO THE MAIDENS AT THE SANCTUARY THEY'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO. I CAN'T TRUST THE OUTRIDERS-- THEY'RE NOT AS NEUTRAL AS THEY SHOULD BE

I WILL BE DELIVERING THIS TO MOTHER, PERSONALLY..



I'LL NEED TO TOP
UP ON CRYSTALS
FROM THE LAB
FOR THE WAR
AHEAD--

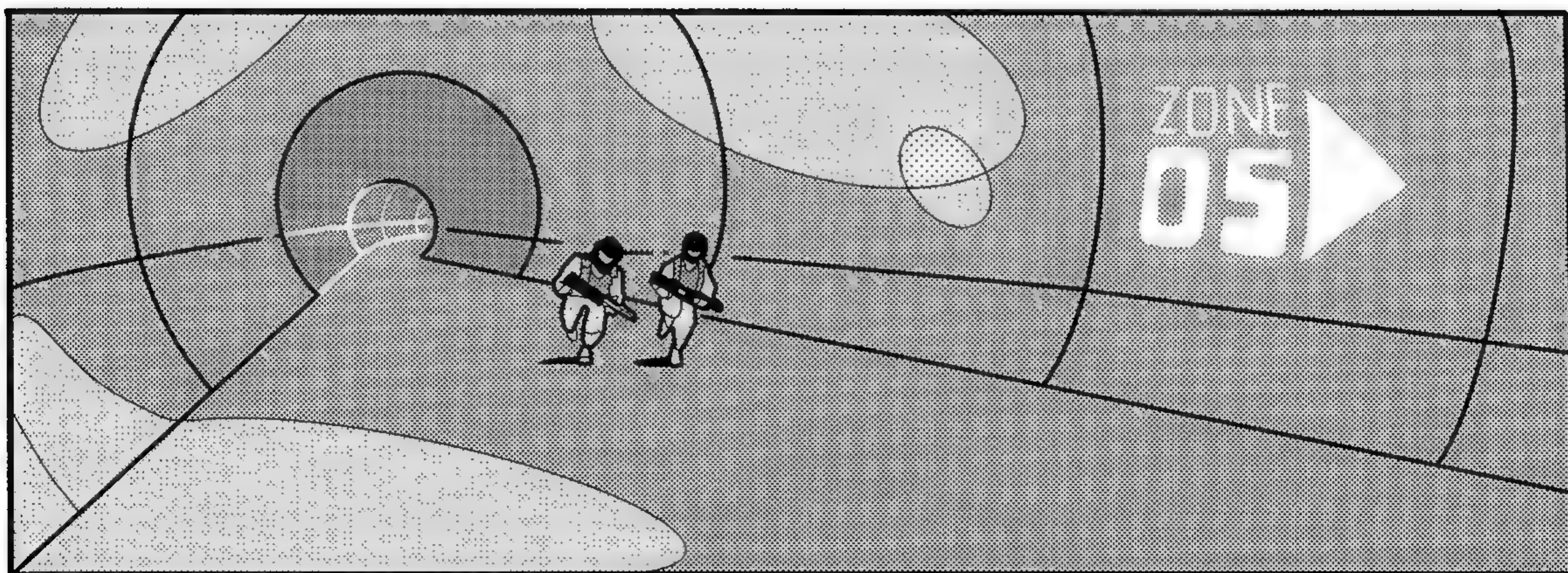


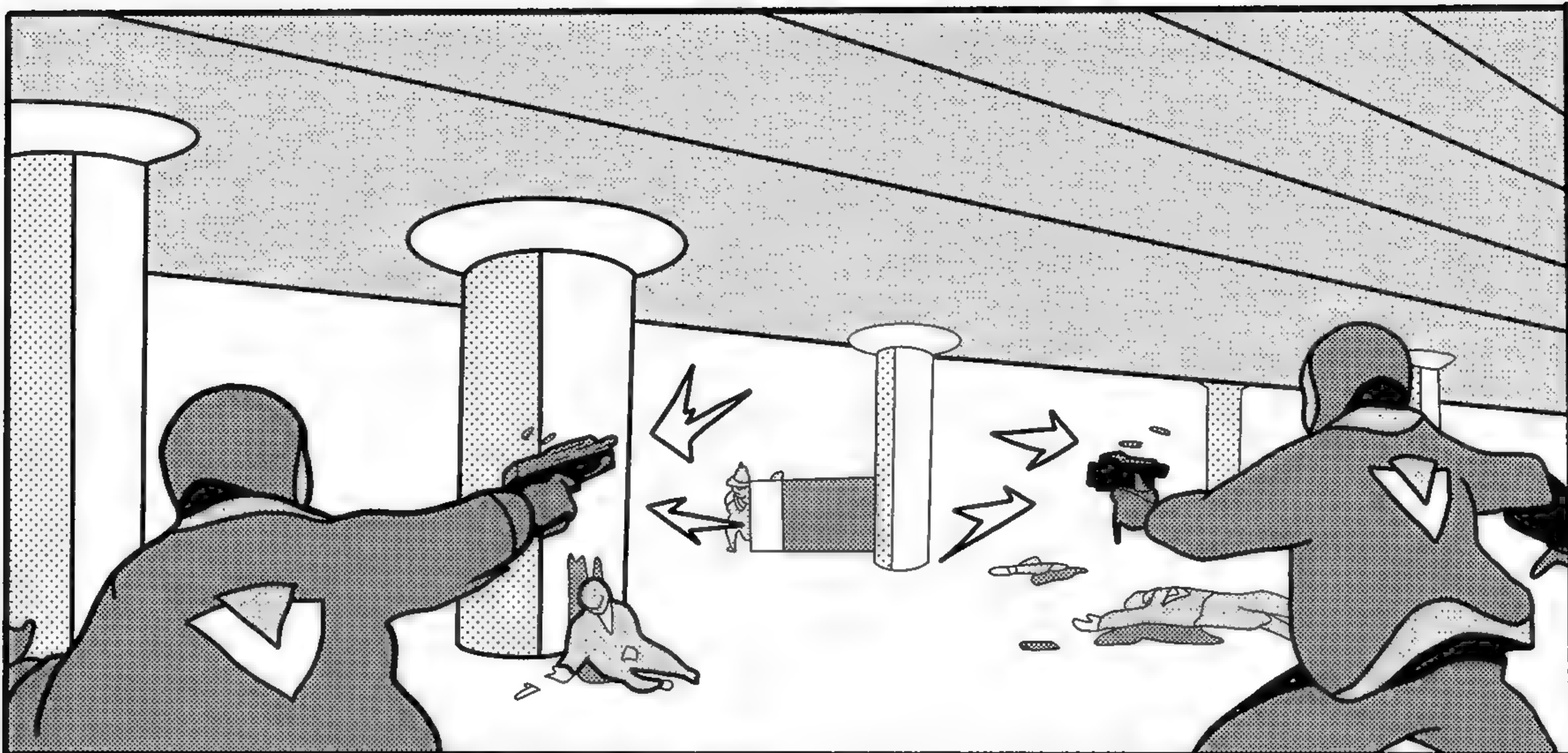
--YOU WILL
PAY WITH YOUR
LIFE, ARWEN.

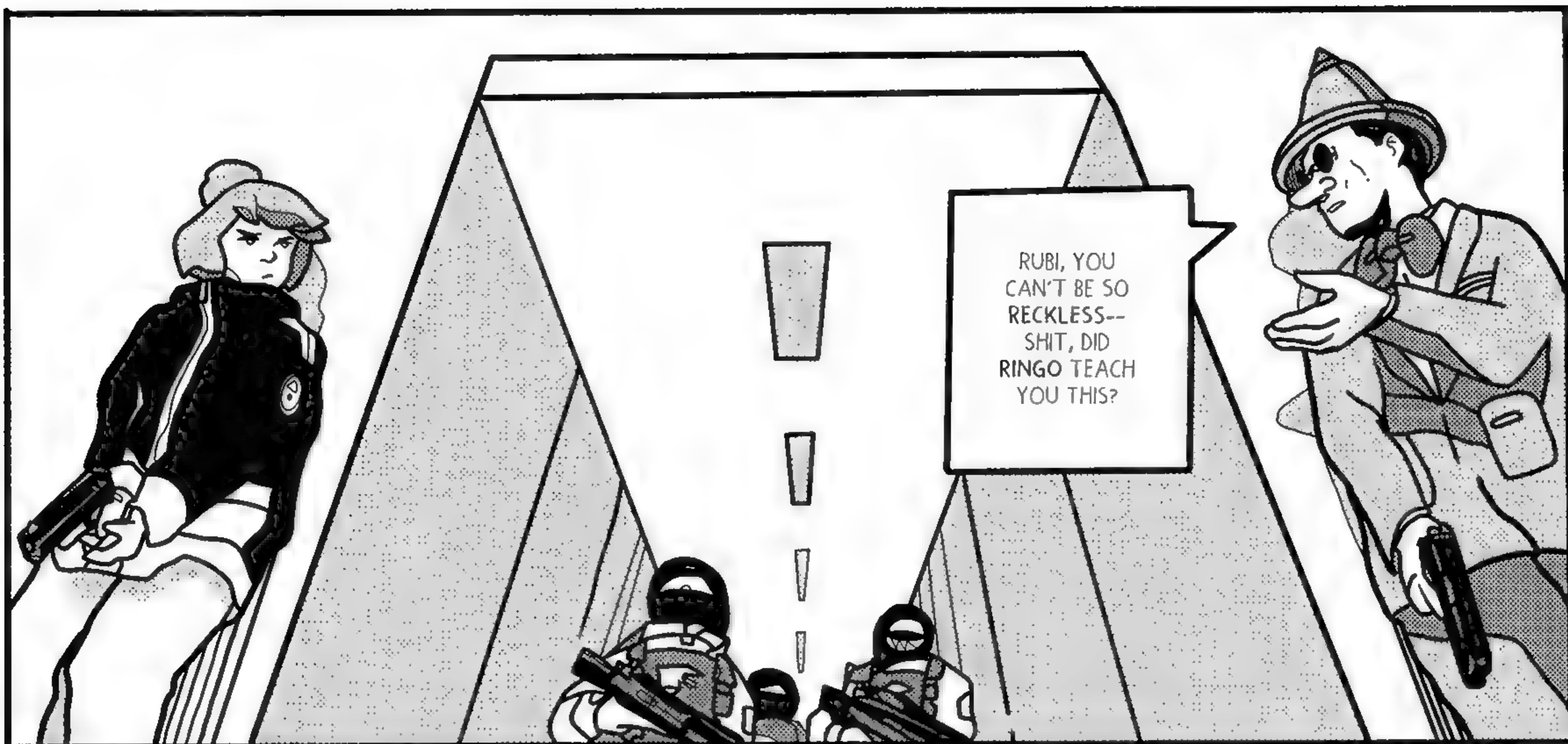




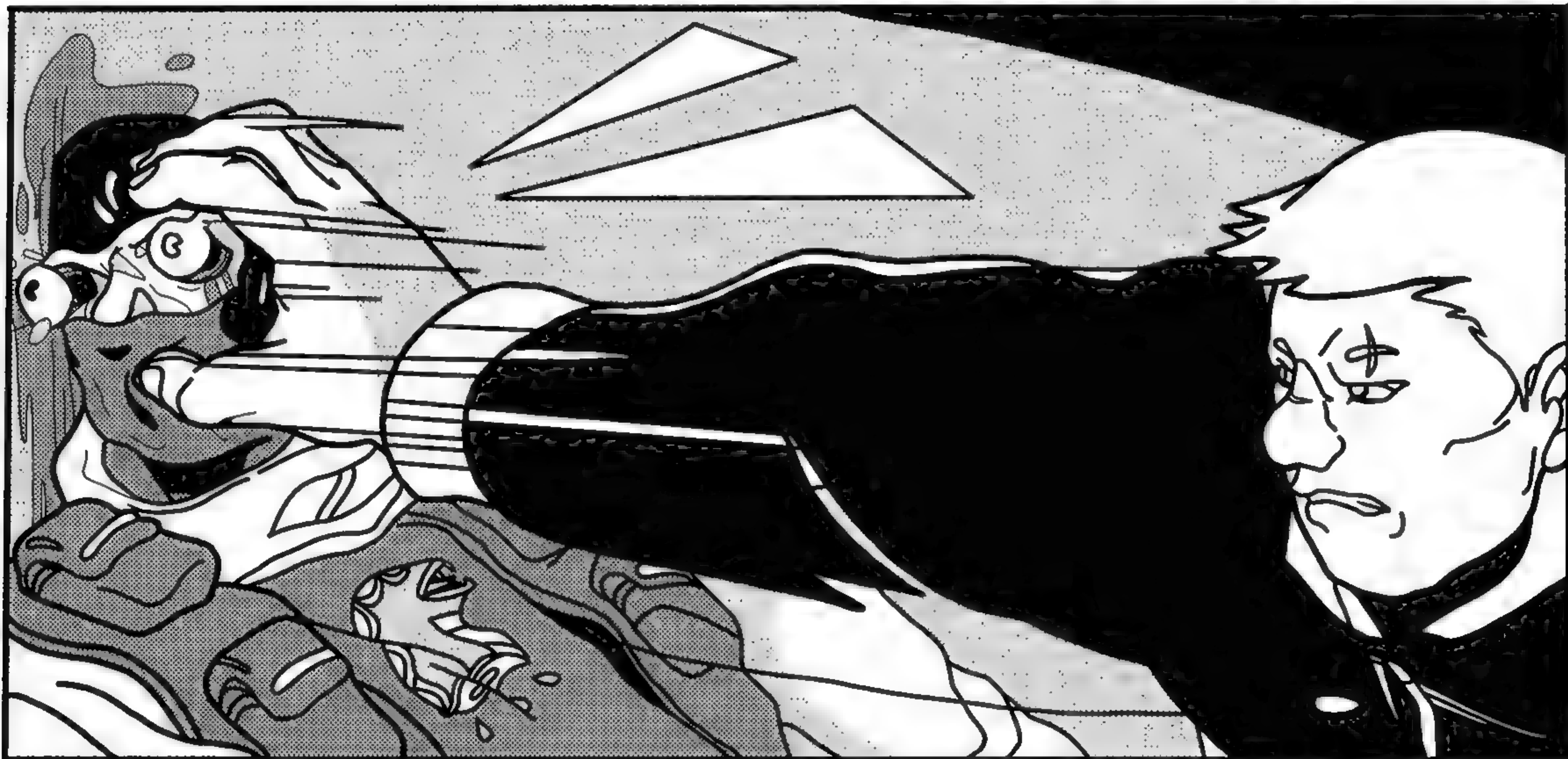
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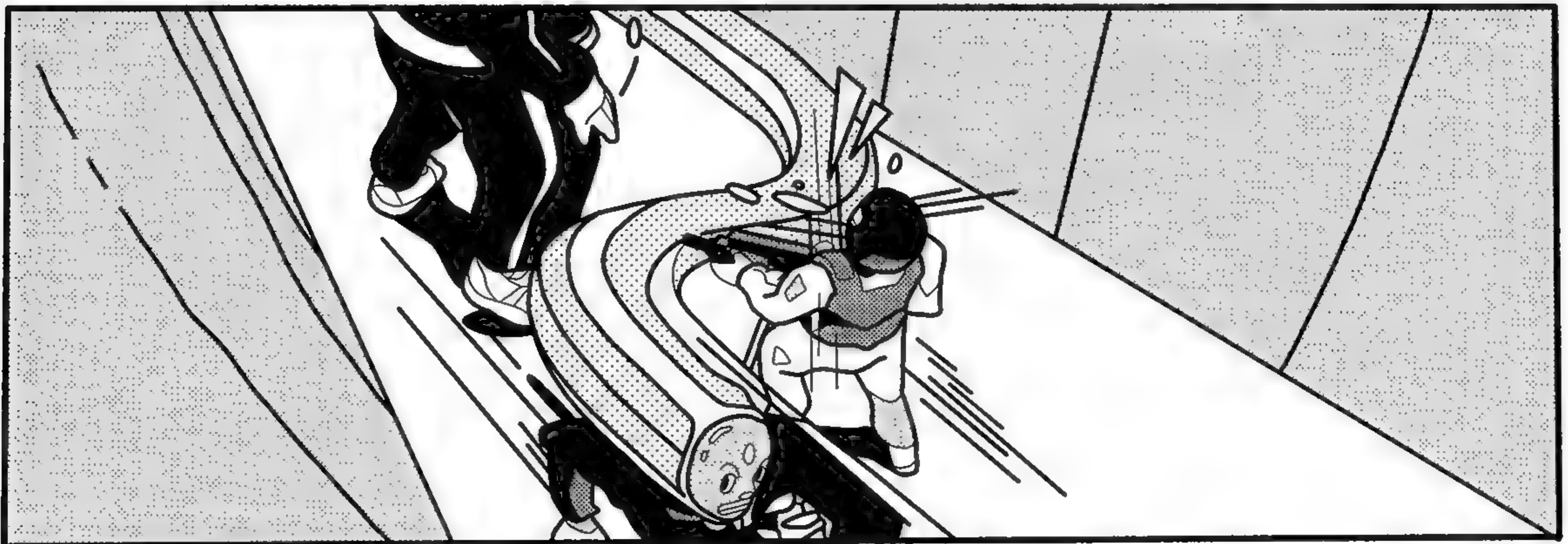


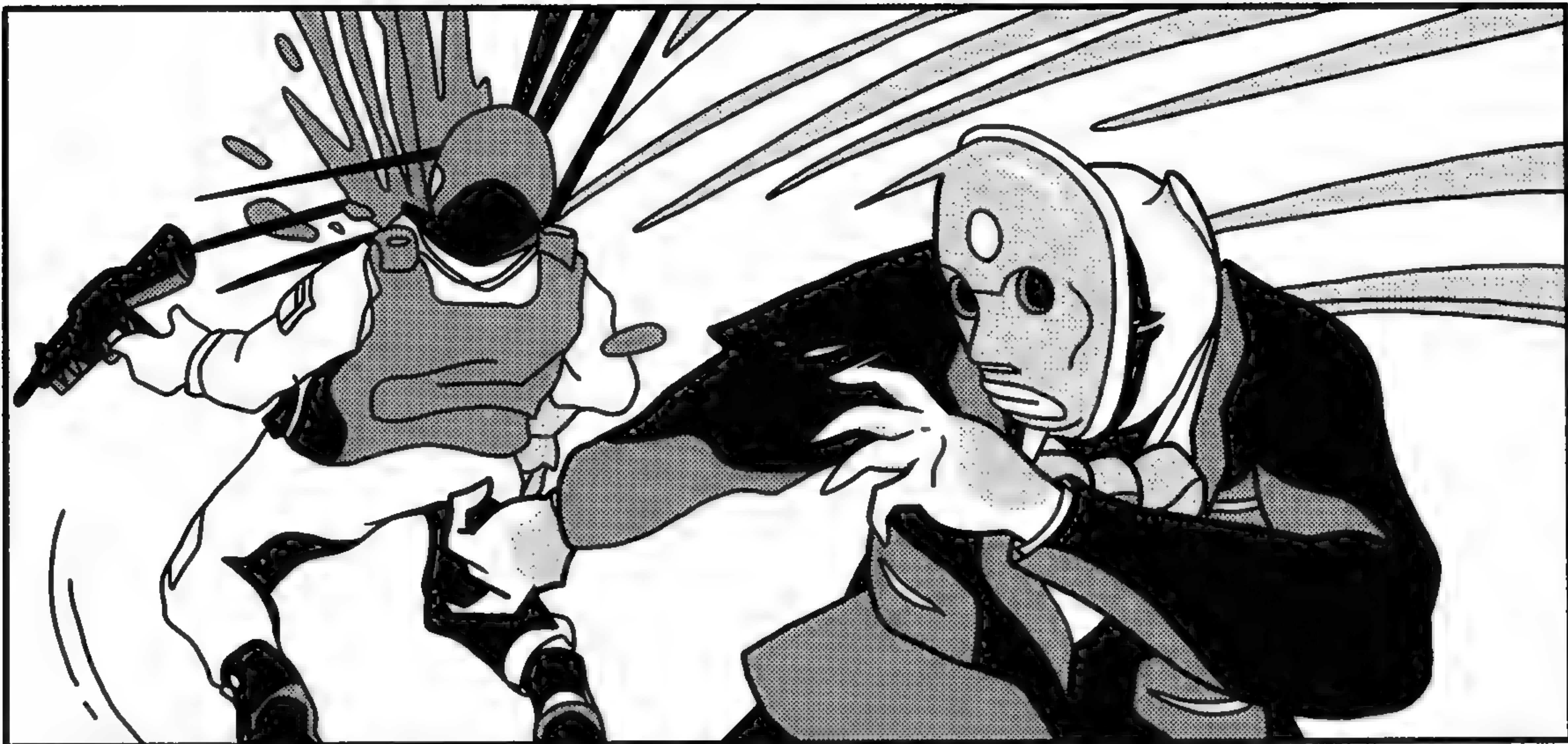














AHI YA
GOT ME.



SHEESH!

WHAT
TOOK SO
LONG?



YEAHAH, THIS MISSION
IS COMPROMISED--
WE GOTTA GET OUT
OF HERE BEFORE THE
NEXT WAVE OF
VIPERS ARRIVE.

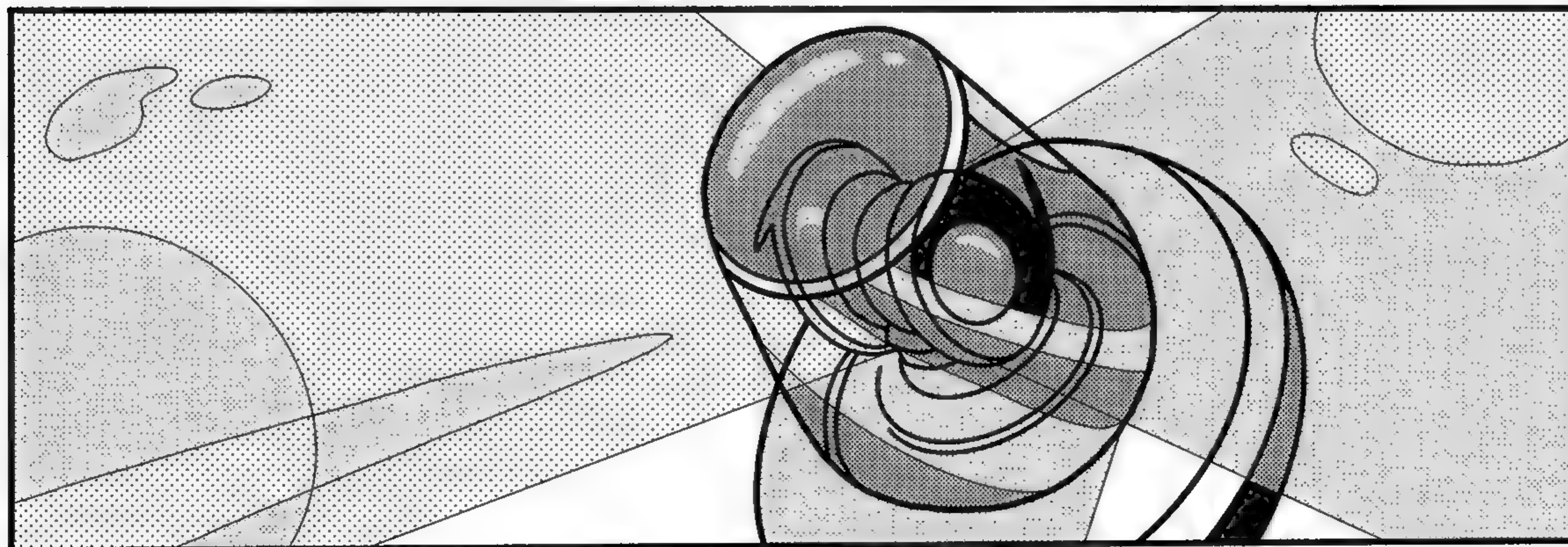
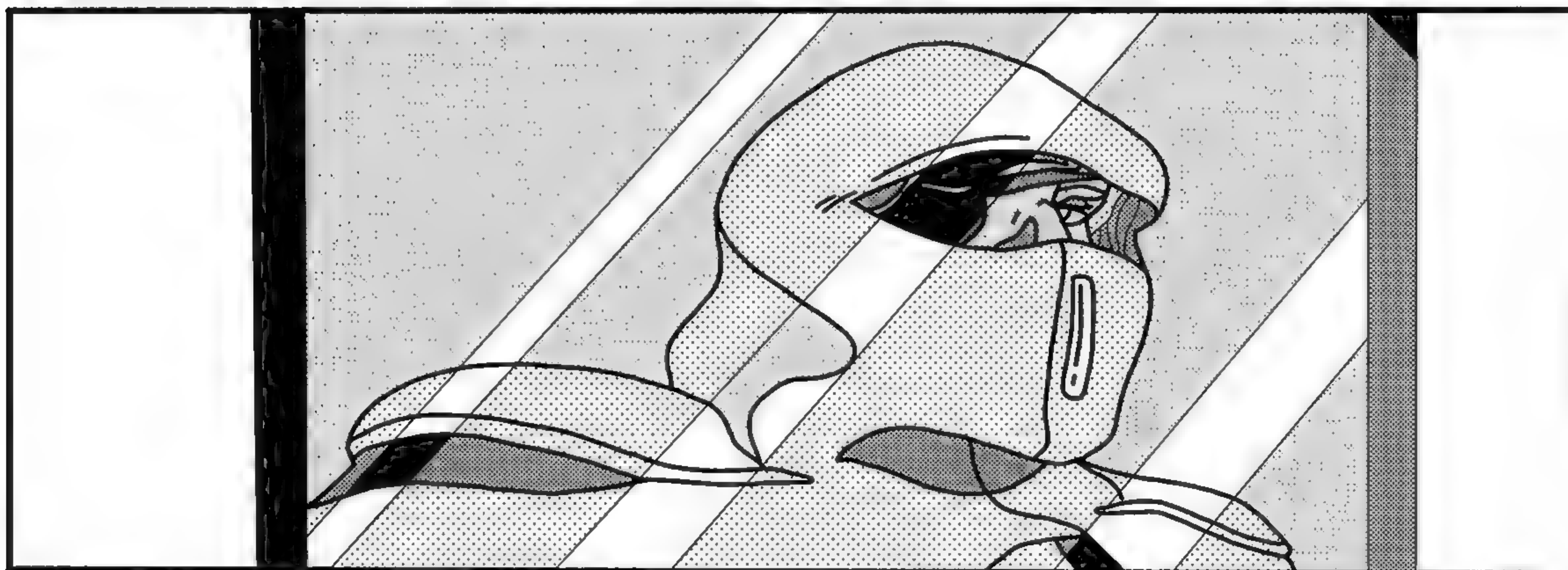
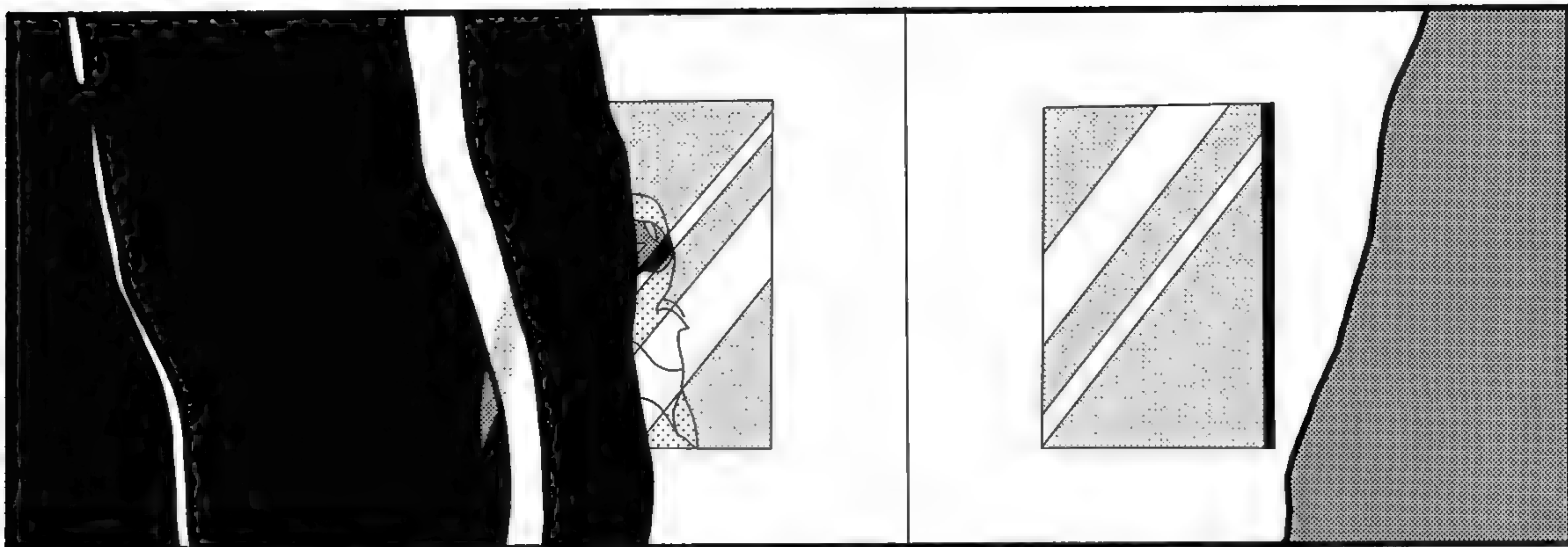


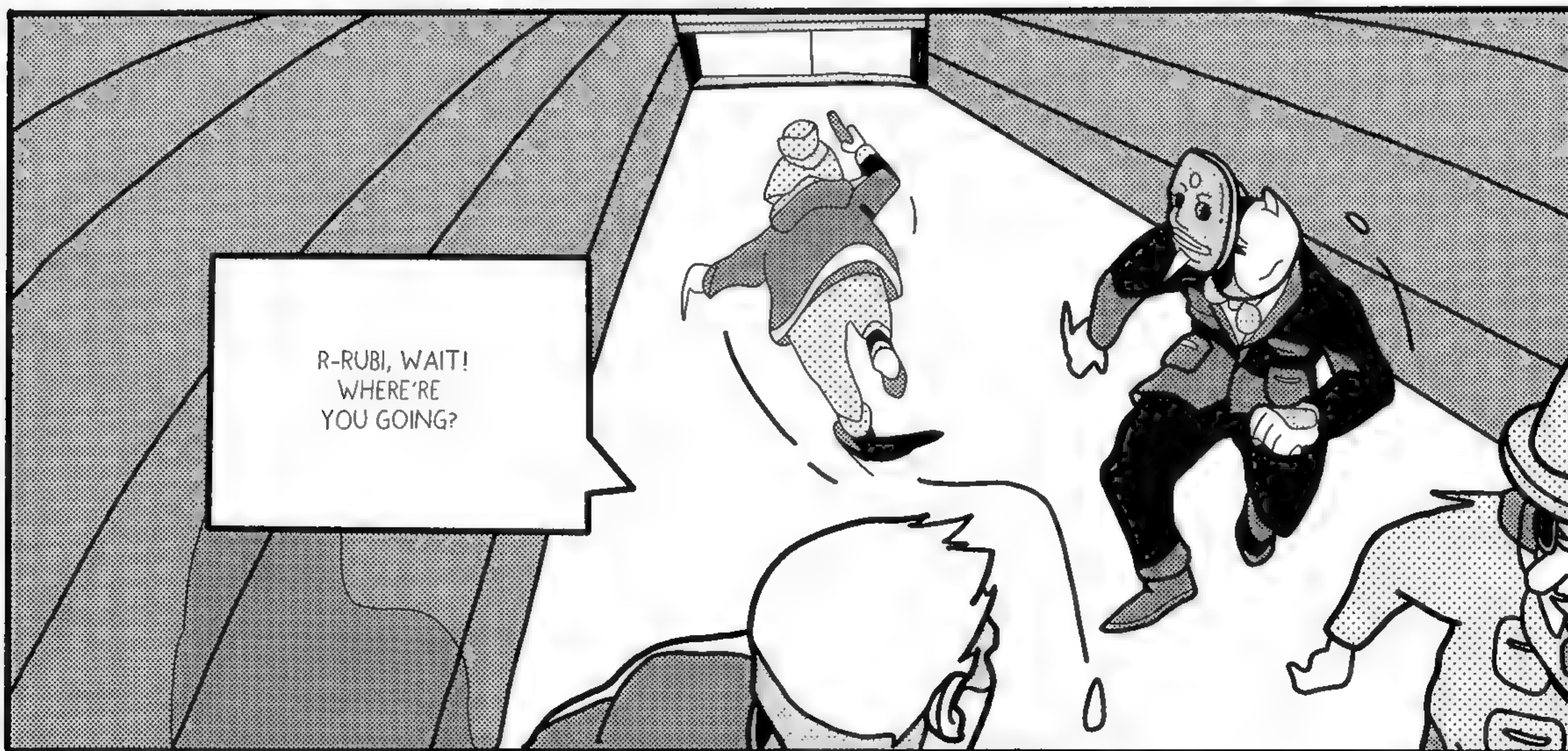
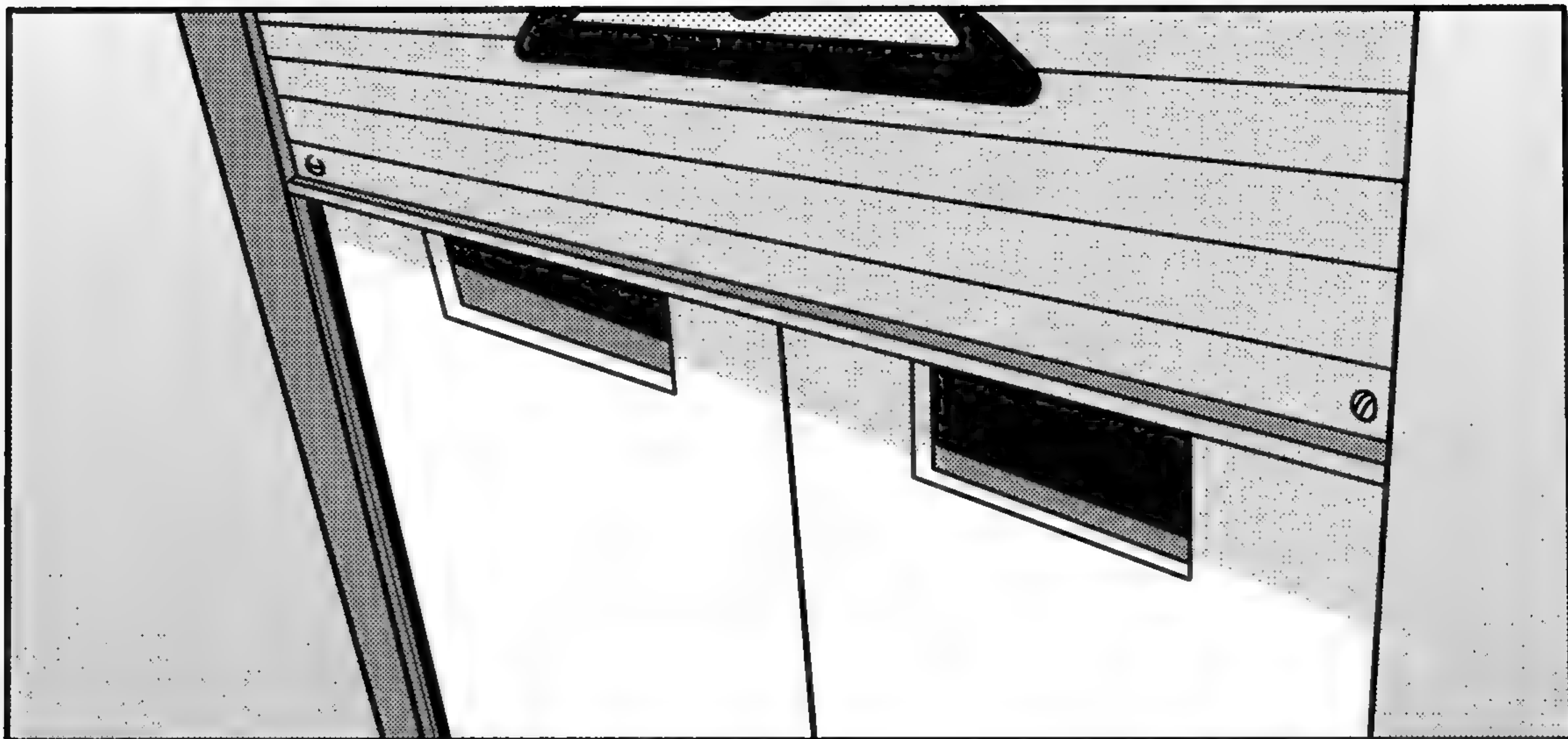
B-BUT WE STILL
DON'T HAVE THE
EVIDENCE FROM
THE LABS...

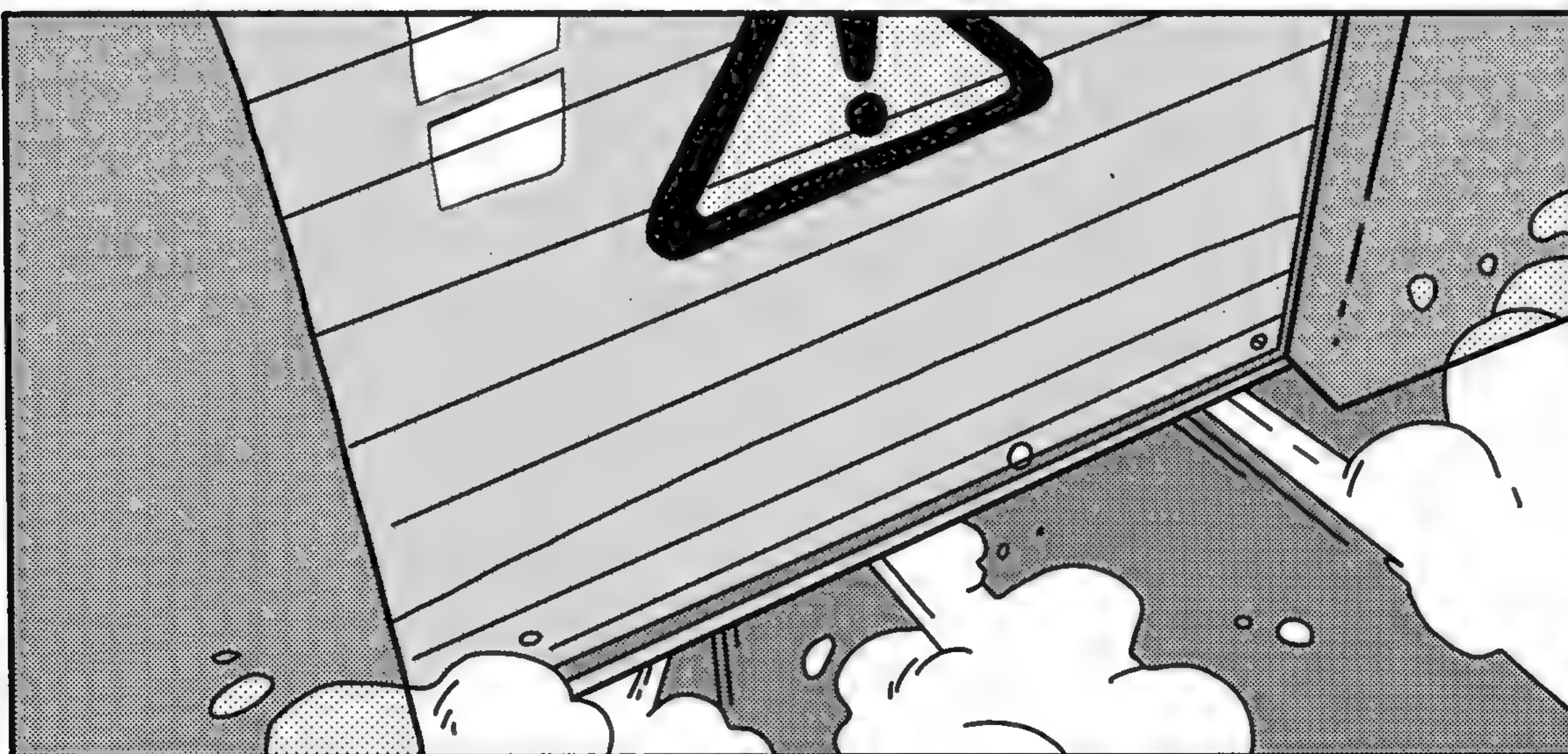
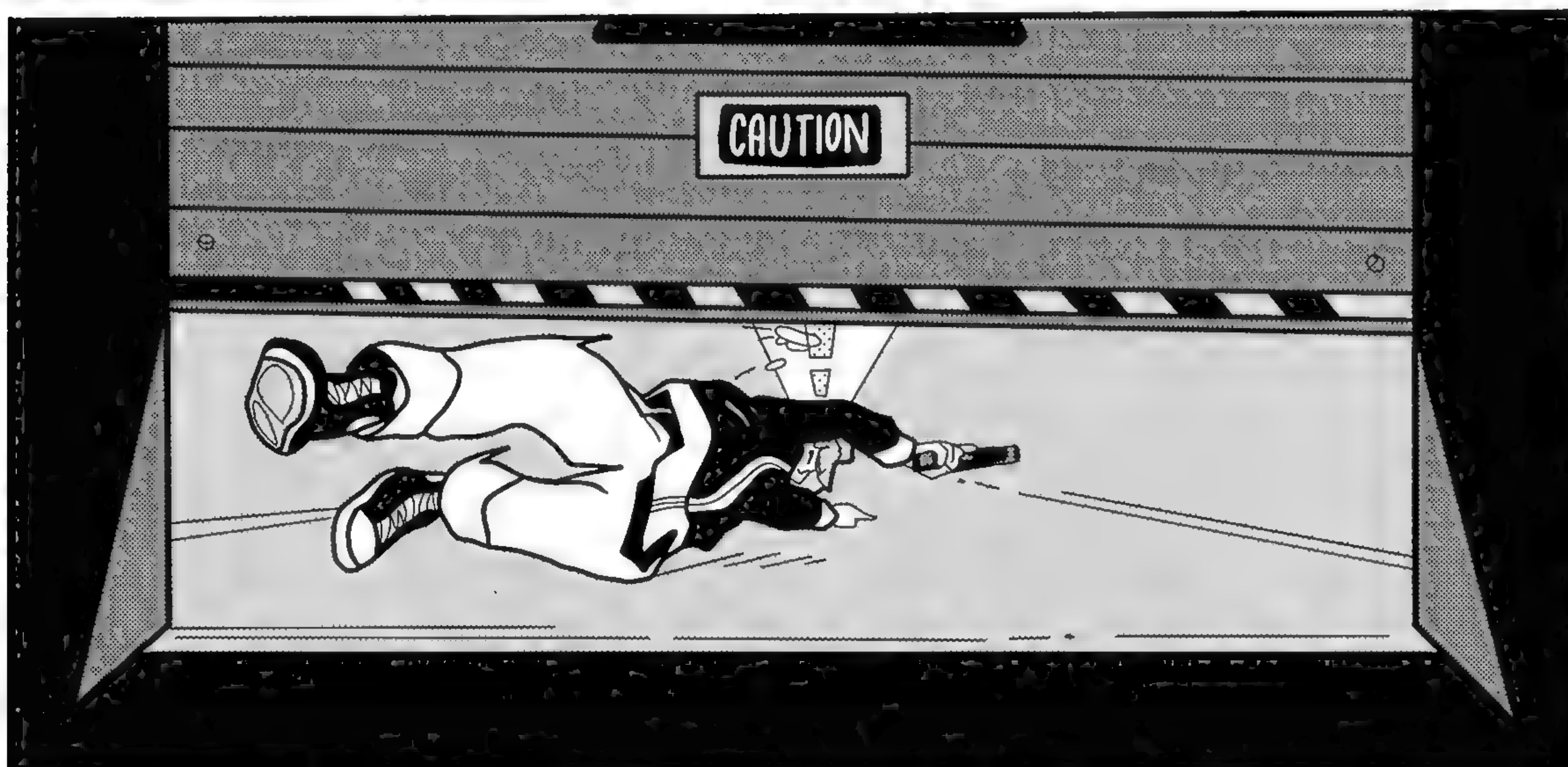


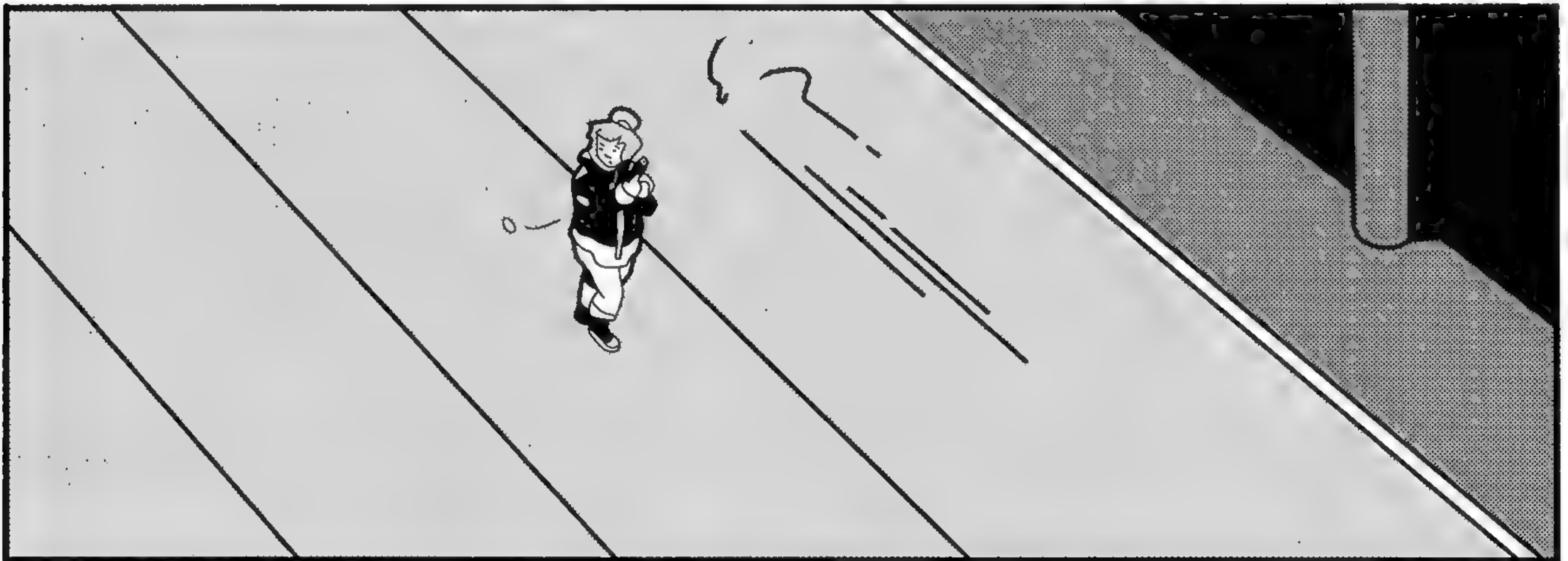
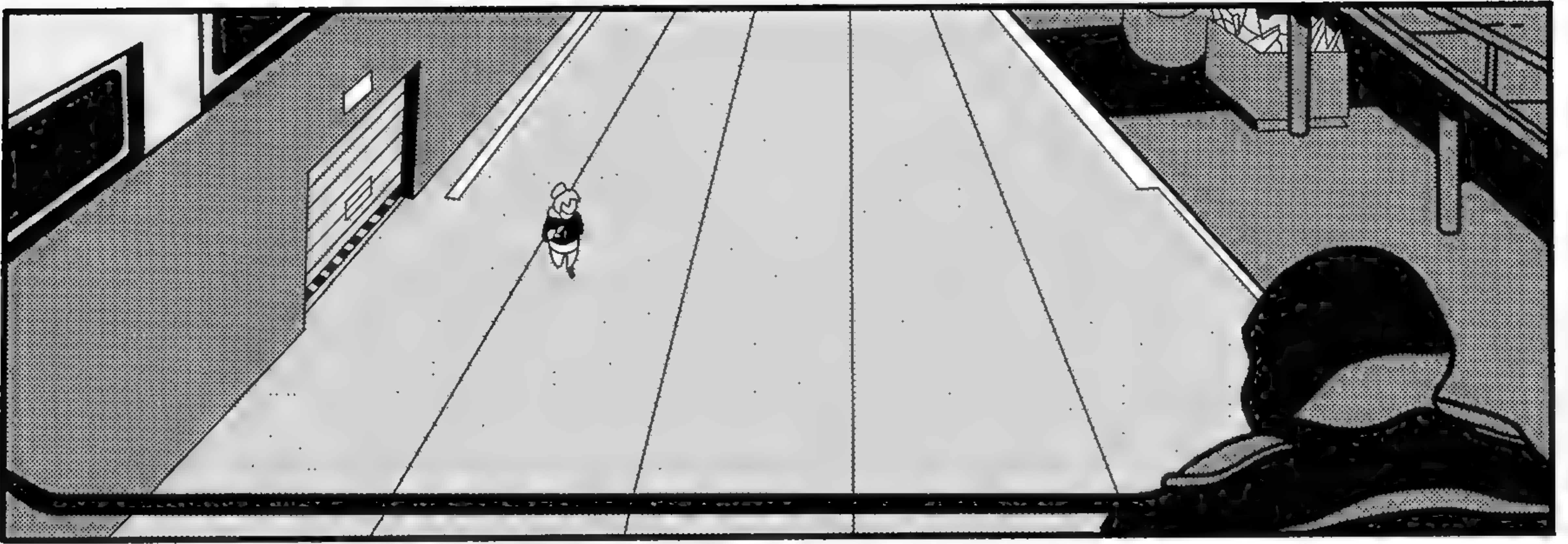
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...I JUST NEED
A SMALL SAMPLE
SIZE OF WHAT
YOU TOLD US
ABOUT THE--

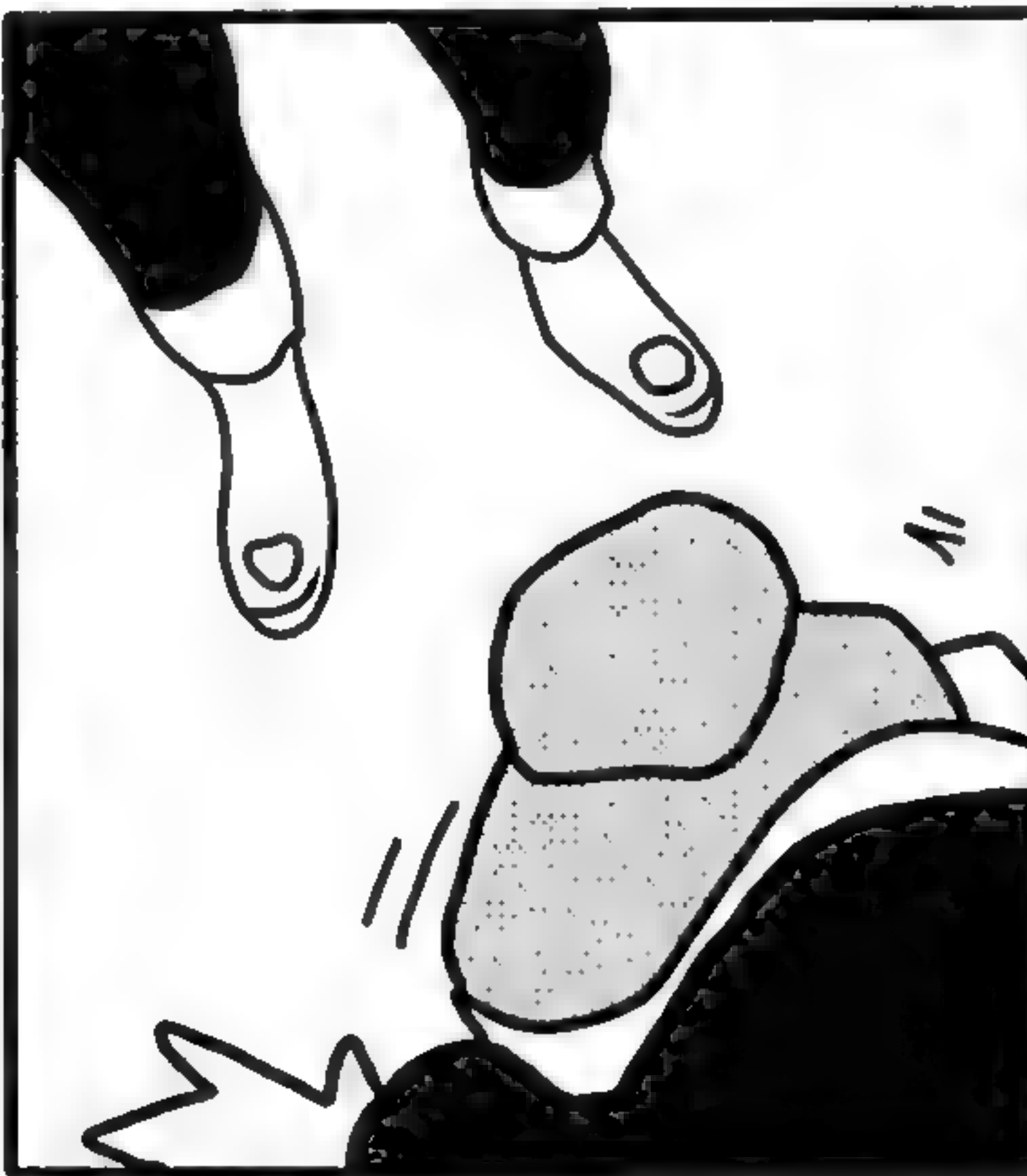
















BLACK COTTON.
I'VE COME FOR
YOUR OTHER EYE!



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Inks and colors for an alternate cover featuring the Red Division, an elite agency tasked with combating high-level crimes.



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Penciled and colored illustration of the Riviera, one of the popular hangout spots in Joyama.

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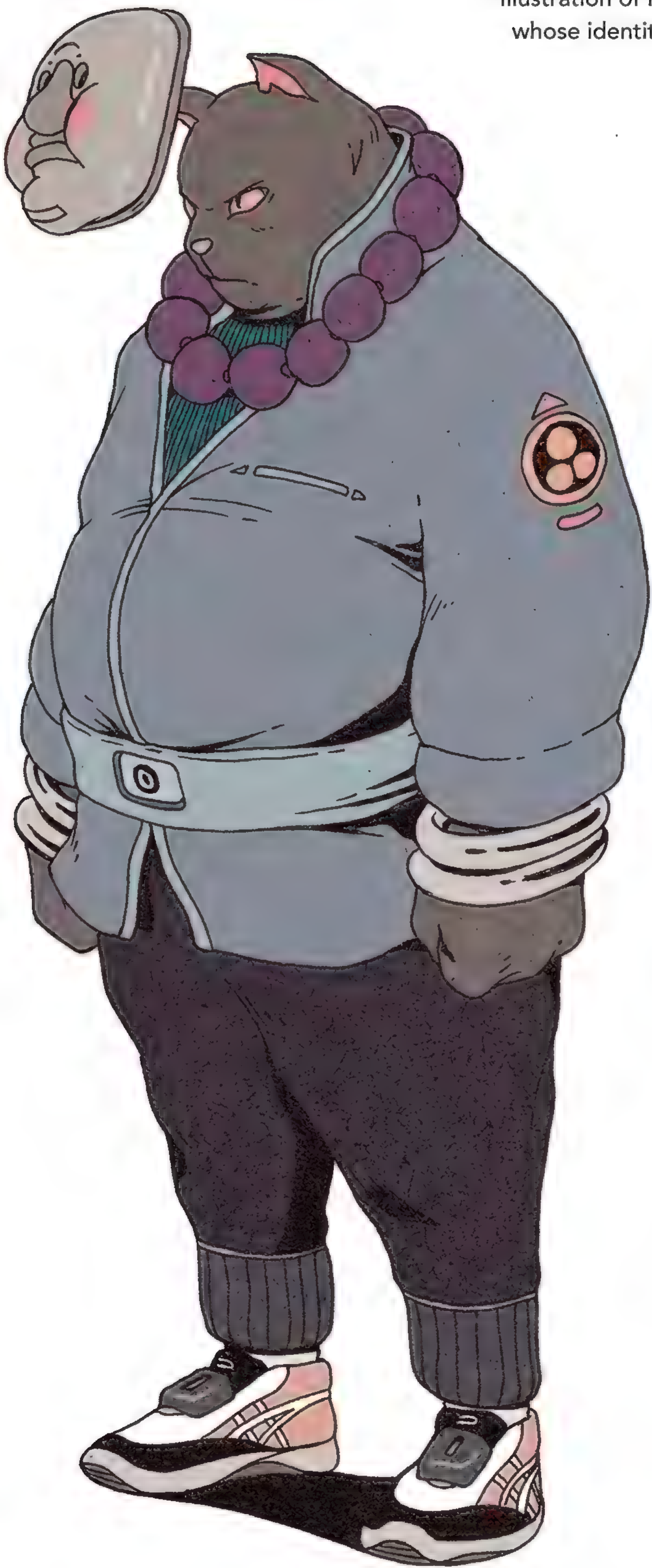


Illustration of Princess Juno,
showing her young and
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Illustration of Ringo in action.

Illustration of the monk Chou
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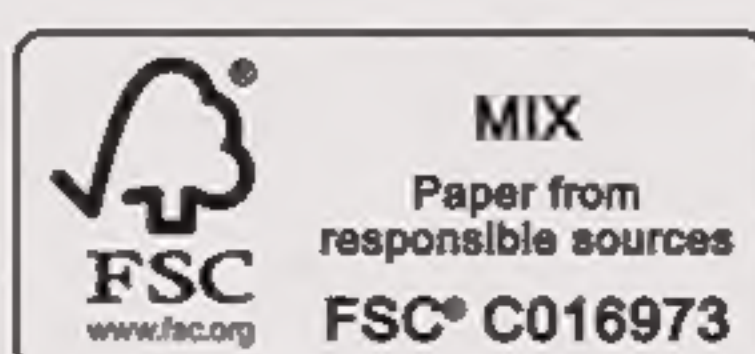
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